

Court rejects appeal over DC gay marriage law

WASHINGTON – The Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from opponents of same-sex marriage who want to overturn the District of Columbia's gay marriage law. The court did not comment Tuesday in turning away a challenge from a Maryland pastor and others who are trying to get a measure on the ballot to allow Washingtonians to vote on a measure that defines marriage as between a man and a woman. Bishop Harry Jackson led a lawsuit against the district's Board of Elections and Ethics after it refused to put that initiative on the ballot. The board ruled that the ballot question would in effect authorize discrimination. Last year, Washington began issuing marriage licenses for same-sex couples and in 2009, it began recognizing gay marriages performed elsewhere. □



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1st Peace Corps head Sargent Shriver dies at 95



In this Aug. 27, 2009 file photo, R. Sargent Shriver, left, is escorted by an unidentified man to a car at the Kennedy compound in Hyannis Port, Mass. Shriver, the exuberant public servant and Kennedy in-law whose singular career included directing the Peace Corps, fighting the "War on Poverty" and, less successfully, running for office, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011. He was 95.

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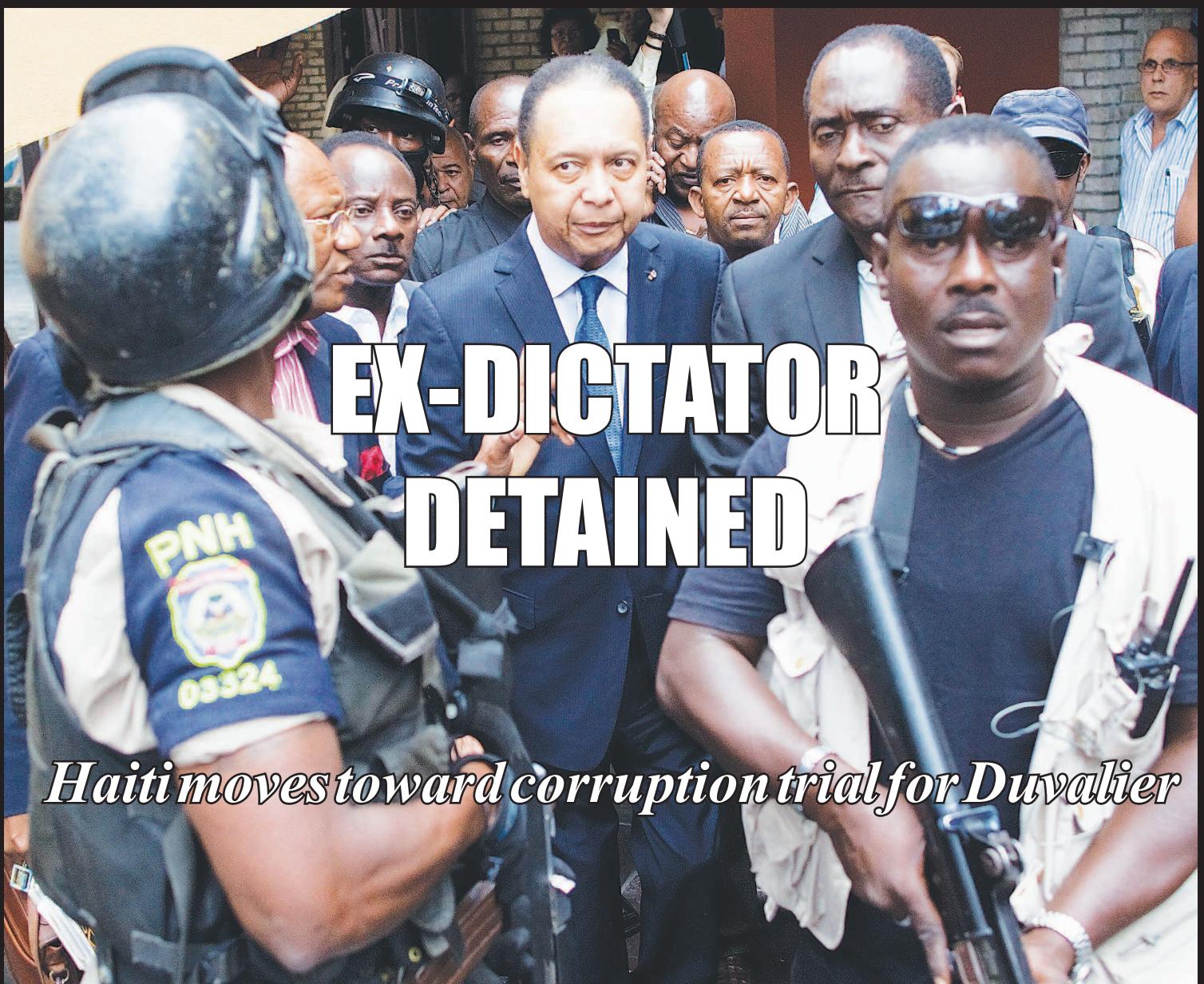
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BETHESDA, Maryland (AP) — R. Sargent Shriver, the Kennedy in-law whose career included directing the Peace Corps, fighting the War on Poverty and, less successfully, running for office, died Tuesday. He was 95.

Shriver, who announced in 2003 that he had Alzheimer's disease, had been hospitalized for several days.

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EX-DICTATOR DETAINED

Haiti moves toward corruption trial for Duvalier

Haiti's ex-dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier known as "Baby Doc," center, is taken out of his hotel by police in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday Jan. 18, 2011. Haitian police took Duvalier out of his hotel Tuesday to a waiting SUV without saying whether he was being detained for crimes committed under his brutal regime.

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In this Aug. 29, 2009 file photo, R. Sargent Shriver, left, is escorted to his seat in the church by his son Anthony Kennedy Shriver before funeral services for U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica in Boston. Shriver, the exuberant public servant and Kennedy in-law whose singular career included directing the Peace Corps, fighting the "War on Poverty" and, less successfully, running for office, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011. He was 95.

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The family said he died surrounded by those he loved. His death came less than two years after his wife, Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who died Aug. 11, 2009, at age 88. The Kennedy family suffered a second blow that same month when Sen. Edward Kennedy died.

Speaking outside Suburban Hospital in Maryland, Anthony Kennedy Shriver, said his father was "with my mom now," and called his parents' marriage a great love story.

At Eunice Shriver's memorial service, their daughter Maria Shriver said her father let her mother "rip and he let her roar, and he loved everything

about her." He attended in a wheelchair.

The handsome Shriver was often known first as an in-law — brother-in-law of President John F. Kennedy and, late in life, father-in-law of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

But his achievements were historic in their own right and changed millions of lives: the Peace Corps' first director and the leader of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty," out of which came such programs as Head Start and Legal Services.

President Barack Obama called Shriver "one of the brightest lights of the greatest generation."

"Over the course of his long and distinguished career, Sarge came to embody the

idea of public service," Obama said in a statement.

Within the family, Shriver was sometimes relied upon for the hardest tasks. When Jacqueline Kennedy needed the funeral arranged for her assassinated husband, she asked her brother-in-law.

"He was a man of giant love, energy, enthusiasm, and commitment," the Shriver family said in a statement. "He lived to make the world a more joyful, faithful, and compassionate place. He centered everything on his faith and his family. He worked on stages both large and small but in the end, he will be best known for his love of others."

In public, Shriver spoke warmly of his famous in-laws, but the private relationship was often tense. As noted in Scott Stossel's "Sarge," an authorized 2004 biography, he was a faithful man amid a clan of womanizers, a sometimes giddy idealist labeled "the house Communist" by the family. His willingness to work for Johnson was seen as betrayal by some family members.

The Kennedys granted him power, but also withheld it. He had considered running for governor of Illinois in 1960, only to be told the family needed his help for John Kennedy's presidential campaign. Hubert Humphrey considered him for running mate in the 1968 election, but resistance from the Kennedys

helped persuade Humphrey to change his mind.

When Shriver finally became a candidate, the results were disastrous: He was George McGovern's running mate in the 1972 election, but the Democrats lost in a landslide to President Richard M. Nixon.

Four years later, Shriver's presidential campaign ended quickly, overrun by a then-little-known Georgia governor named Jimmy Carter.

Although known for his Kennedy connections, Shriver, born in 1915, came from a prominent old Maryland family. His father was a stockbroker, but he lost most of his money in the crash of 1929.

Shriver went on a scholarship to Yale, then went on to Yale

Law School. He served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

Returning home, he became an assistant editor at Newsweek magazine. About this time, too, he met Eunice Kennedy and was immediately taken by her. They married in 1953 in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Her father, Joseph P. Kennedy, hired him to manage the Kennedy-owned Merchandise Mart in Chicago. He was a big success on the job and in Chicago in general — and even was elected head of the school board in 1955.

Shriver had fought for integration in Chicago and helped persuade John F. Kennedy to make a crucial decision in the 1960 campaign despite other staffers' fears of a white backlash: When the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was jailed in Georgia that fall, Kennedy phoned King's wife and offered support. His gesture was deeply appreciated by King's family and brought the candidate crucial support.

Soon after taking office, Kennedy named Shriver to fulfill a campaign promise to start the Peace Corps. Although it was belittled by some as a "kiddie corps," Shriver quickly built the agency into an international institution.

After Kennedy's assassination, in 1963, Johnson called upon Shriver to run another program which then existed only as a high-minded concept: the War

on Poverty.

Shriver's efforts demonstrated both the reach and frustrations of government programs: Head Start remains respected for offering early education for poor children, and Legal Services gave the poor an opportunity for better representation in court.

But other Shriver initiatives suffered from bureaucracy, feuds with local officials and a struggle for funds as Johnson devoted more and more money to the Vietnam War.

In early 1968, with Shriver rumored to be on the verge of quitting, Johnson offered him the ambassadorship to France. He accepted it even though some family members wanted Shriver to support Sen. Robert Kennedy's presidential candidacy instead.

In Paris, Shriver won many French fans, but he left the post for a job in private business not long after Nixon took office in 1969.

He campaigned for congressional Democrats in 1970, and two years later McGovern drafted him to replace Sen. Thomas Eagleton of Missouri as his running-mate. Eagleton dropped out because of questions about his medical history.

Shriver was good humored that he had been McGovern's seventh pick for the job — after brother-in-law Ted Kennedy, among others. He named his campaign plane "Lucky 7."

In September 1975, Shriver joined an already crowded race for the 1976 Democratic nomination. But he dropped out in March 1976 after poor showings in the early primaries and never again sought office. He instead worked with Special Olympics and other causes.

In 1994, Shriver received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President Bill Clinton.

Meanwhile, daughter Maria Shriver gained fame as an NBC newswoman and, since 2003, first lady of California. The Shrivers also had four sons — Robert, Timothy, Mark and Paul Anthony. Mark Shriver was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1995 and ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 2002. They also had 19 grandchildren. □

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Cheney to consider heart transplant “at some point”

WASHINGTON – Former Vice President Dick Cheney said in an interview aired on Tuesday that he will have decide whether to undergo a heart transplant to replace the heart pump that is now keeping him alive.

“I’ll have to make a decision at some point whether or not I want to go for a transplant,” he told NBC News. “But we haven’t addressed that yet.”

Cheney, who turns 70 later this month, has had five heart attacks, the latest in February 2010. He opted for a heart pump in July after experiencing increasing congestive heart failure, a chronic condition that develops as the heart loses its ability to pump properly and gradually enlarges.

Cheney, a former smoker, has already had bypass surgery and other procedures including

balloon angioplasty. He also had a defibrillator implanted to monitor his heart and shock it back into a normal rhythm if abnormal beating occurred. That device was replaced in 2007 because of a low battery.

The former vice president, who served under President George W. Bush, told NBC that he has adapted to the heart pump and its accessories, which include a vest that holds the pump control, two batteries and a power cord that runs to the mechanism inside his chest.

“The technology’s getting better and better, and we’ve got more and more experience of people living with this technology,” he said.

“Initially, obviously, it’s kind of awkward to walk around with all this gear on. But you quickly get to the point of where you’ve adapted, where it’s second nature to you.” □

Bill Clinton comes to Chicago to campaign for Rahm Emanuel

CHICAGO - Former President Bill Clinton campaigned in Chicago on Tuesday for his former adviser Rahm Emanuel, who seeks to become the city’s mayor.

Appearing before a cheering crowd of about 400, Clinton said Chicago is “critical to America’s future.”

“You need a big person for this job,” said Clinton. “Now, Rahm’s not even six feet tall. He’s probably 150 pounds dripping wet. But in all things that matter, he’s a really big person.”

Clinton joked about Emanuel’s reputation for intensity, and his occasional salty way of expressing himself.

“He was always fearlessly honest in meetings with me,” Clinton said. “He never shirked to say, sometimes in extremely colorful language, when he thought I was wrong. He will be fearlessly honest



with you.”

Former U.S. Senator Carol Moseley Braun, who is also running for mayor, has criticized Clinton’s support for Emanuel.

She told reporters last month that Emanuel is an “outsider” who needs to bring in outsiders to help him. Braun, who is black, also warned that Clinton could risk his relationship with African-

Americans by supporting Emanuel, according to local media reports.

But Tori Collins, 34, of Chicago, a worker for Emanuel, said he benefits among black voters by having been the chief of staff to the nation’s first black president. “It makes a big difference. They know he shares the president’s values,” Collins said □



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Northeasterners slip and slide in snow, sleet



NEW YORK — Snow, sleet and freezing rain created dangerously slick and slushy conditions in the Northeast on Tuesday, slowing commuter traffic and delaying flights across the region.

The National Weather Service issued winter weather advisories through midday for northern New Jersey, southern Connecticut, Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts.

"A winter weather advisory means that periods of snow, sleet or freezing rain will cause travel difficulties," the Weather Service said. "Travel will remain treacherous into this afternoon."

Due to snow and ice, some arriving flights were delayed an average of nearly four hours into Boston's Logan Airport, authorities said.

Flights were delayed into the New York area's Newark

International Airport, John F. Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia Airport as well. Departures were delayed out of Newark due to dense fog.

A mix of snow, sleet and rain was falling across southern New England, with parts of northern and western Massachusetts and southwestern New Hampshire getting some 5 inches of snow on the ground, said Alan Dunham, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Taunton, Massachusetts.

Boston would get afternoon sleet and rain, he said.

The wintry mix, particularly the ice, was making roads treacherous.

"Right now, traveling is very difficult," said Peter Judge of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

Judge said he expected one-

half to three-quarters of an inch of ice accretion in some areas, which may lead to power issues. Localized urban street flooding also may pose a problem, as storm drains were clogged with snow, he said. The Weather Service noted that another storm may bring several inches of snow to New England on Friday.

The morning commute was treacherous in Pittsburgh, where a thin layer of ice coated many roads and sidewalks.

"I fell in my driveway," said Pittsburgh resident Barry Merenstein. "I was going to try to drive, and then I gave up on that. So I tried to walk, and I fell twice."

Around Philadelphia, in Wilmington, Delaware and in southern New Jersey, the morning ice gave way to melting snow that posed its own danger, the Weather Service said.

"The melting of any remaining snow, sleet, and ice, in combination with any rainfall that is occurring or will occur through the rest of the day will lead to standing water in low-lying areas as well as ponding on roadways," it said.

More wintry weather moving in from the Midwest was likely to hit the East Coast through Wednesday, said Alex Sosnowski, senior meteorologist for

AccuWeather.com.

"As the storm along the East Coast makes for a rough drive home tonight for those souls out and about in New England and eastern New York state, a system over the Midwest is heading eastward," he wrote on the AccuWeather.com website.

"As this feature pushes into the central Appalachians tonight with colder air in its wake, some surfaces will become icy in time for the morning drive Wednesday," he wrote.

He predicted an inch of snow

by Wednesday morning from West Virginia north through Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Buffalo, New York. In Missouri, western Tennessee and Kentucky north through Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, wet areas could freeze up in the evening, potentially creating a black ice hazard, he said.

The South was likely to see more rain on Tuesday, the heaviest in Tennessee, northern Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, forecasters said. □

Husband willing to meet Giffords suspect's parents

TUCSON, Ariz. — The husband of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords says he would be willing to meet with the parents of the 22-year-old man accused in a massacre that critically injured the Arizona congresswoman, killed six people and wounded 12 others.

"I don't think it's their fault. It's not the parents' fault," Mark Kelly told ABC's Diane Sawyer in an interview to air Tuesday. "You know, I'd like to think I'm a person that's, you know, somewhat forgiving. And, I mean, they've got to be hurting in this situation as much as anybody."

The suspect, Jared Loughner, remained in federal custody in Phoenix. Investigators have described him as a mentally unstable man who was kicked out a community college last year and became increasingly erratic in recent months.

He apparently became obsessed with inflicting violence on Giffords since attending one of her campaign events in 2007. His parents have remained in seclusion since the shooting at a Safeway supermarket on Jan. 8, only releasing a statement that said they, too, were grieving for those dead and injured. Kelly's comments were perhaps a sign of the nation's shock and outrage abating as the southern Arizona city buried the dead and Giffords made impressive strides toward recovery. Giffords had given her husband, an astronaut who has kept a near-constant vigil by her bedside at a Tucson hospital, a neck rub and even smiled, he told ABC.

"She's in the ICU. You know, gone through this traumatic injury. And she spent 10 minutes giving me a neck massage," Giffords' husband, Mark Kelly, told ABC's Diane Sawyer in an interview to air Tuesday. "It's so typical of her, that no matter how bad the situation might be for her, you know, she's looking out for other people."

The interactions with Kelly were the latest signs of Giffords' progress after being critically wounded in the attempted assassination 10 days ago. Giffords still cannot speak, because of a tube in her throat that is helping her breathe.

The movements indicate higher levels of functioning, implying that "she's recognizing him and interacting, perhaps in an old familiar way with him," said Dr. Michael Lemole.

Dr. Randall Friese said Kelly also told doctors Giffords had smiled. Friese said sometimes, people see what they want to see, but that "if he says she's smiling, I buy it."

Kelly's updates, along with his encouragement, have helped Giffords' staff through the tragedy, said Mark Kimble, a Tucson staff member who stood only a few feet from Giffords when she was shot. □

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Student tracking finds limited learning in college

NEW YORK- You are told that to make it in life, you must go to college. You work hard to get there. You or your parents drain savings or take out huge loans to pay for it all. And you end up learning ... not much.

A study of more than 2,300 undergraduates found 45 percent of students show no significant improvement in the key measures of critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing by the end of their sophomore years.

Not much is asked of students, either. Half did not take a single course requiring 20 pages of writing during their prior semester, and one-third did not take a single course requiring even 40 pages of reading per week.

The findings are in a new book, "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses," by sociologists Richard Arum of New York University and Josipa Roksa of the University of Virginia. An accompanying report argues against federal mandates holding schools accountable, a prospect long feared in American higher education.

"The great thing if you can call it that is that it's going to spark a dialogue and focus

on the actual learning issue," said David Paris, president of the New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability, which is pressing the cause in higher education. "What kind of intellectual growth are we seeing in college?"

The study, an unusually large-scale effort to track student learning over time, comes as the federal government, reformers and others argue that the U.S. must produce more college graduates to remain competitive globally. But if students aren't learning much, that calls into question whether boosting graduation rates will provide that edge.

"It's not the case that giving out more credentials is going to make the U.S. more economically competitive," Arum said in an interview. "It requires academic rigor ... You can't just get it through osmosis at these institutions." The findings also will likely spark a debate over what helps and hurts students learn. To sum up, it's good to lead a monk's existence: Students who study alone and have heavier reading and writing loads do well.

The book is based on information from 24

schools, meant to be a representative sample, that provided Collegiate Learning Assessment data on students who took the standardized test in their first semester in fall 2005 and at the end of their sophomore years in spring 2007. The schools took part on the condition that their institutions not be identified. The Collegiate Learning Assessment has its share of critics who say it doesn't capture learning in specialized majors or isn't a reliable measure of college performance because so many factors are beyond their control.

The research found an average-scoring student in fall 2005 scored seven percentage points higher in spring of 2007 on the assessment. In other words, those who entered college in the 50th percentile would rise to the equivalent of the 57th after their sophomore



years.

Among the findings outlined in the book and report, which tracked students through four years of college:

Overall, the picture doesn't brighten much over four years. After four years, 36 percent of students did not demonstrate significant improvement, compared to 45 percent after two.

Students who studied alone, read and wrote more, attended more selective schools and

majored in traditional arts and sciences majors posted greater learning gains.

Social engagement generally does not help student performance. Students who spent more time studying with peers showed diminishing growth and students who spent more time in the Greek system had decreased rates of learning, while activities such as working off campus, participating in campus clubs and volunteering did not impact learning. □

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2 charged with stealing iPad users' information

NEWARK, N.J. — Two hackers who were engaged in game of "malicious one-upsmanship" stole the e-mail addresses of more than 100,000 Apple iPad users, including those of politicians and famous media personalities, federal prosecutors said Tuesday in announcing criminal charges against the men.

AT&T revealed the security vulnerability months ago, and U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman said there was no evidence that the two men used the information they acquired for criminal purposes. Authorities cautioned, however, that the information could have wound up in the hands of spammers and scammers.

Daniel Spangler, 26, of San Francisco, and Andrew Auernheimer, 25, of

Fayetteville, Ark., face charges of fraud and conspiracy to access a computer without authorization. Both men were scheduled to appear in federal court Tuesday afternoon, Spangler in Newark and Auernheimer in Fayetteville. Fishman characterized the men and their cohorts as engaging in "malicious one-upsmanship" as they sought to impress each other and others in the online community. "We don't tolerate committing crimes for street cred," Fishman said. "Computer hacking is not a competitive sport, and security breaches are not a game." The stolen e-mail addresses are unlikely to be the basis for identity theft, but a spammer armed with the addresses could send e-mail pretending to be from Apple or AT&T, which

the recipients might be more likely to open.

The criminal complaint against Spangler and Auernheimer details online conversations in which the duo's peers discuss selling the addresses to spammers.

"you could put them in a database for spamming for example sell them to spammers ..." a user named Nstyr wrote to Spangler, the complaint alleges. "true ipad focused spam," Spangler responds.

The complaint quotes an article published on Gawker.com that contended the e-mail addresses of film mogul Harvey Weinstein, White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Diane Sawyer of ABC News were among those lifted from AT&T's servers.

The case was brought in New



Jersey because about 16,000 victims live in the state, Fishman said.

AT&T spokesman Mark Siegel said, "We take our customers' privacy very seriously." He said the company was not under investigation for the breach. In June, AT&T Inc. acknowledged a security weak spot on a website that exposed the e-mail addresses of apparently more than 100,000 iPad users. The company said the vulnerability

affected only iPad users who signed up for AT&T's "3G" wireless Internet service and that it had fixed the problem. It involved an insecure way that AT&T's website would prompt iPad users when they tried to log into their AT&T accounts through the devices. The site would supply users' e-mail addresses, to make log-ins easier, based on unique codes contained in the SIM cards inside their iPads. □

Pennsylvania woman gets 16 years in FBI killing case



PITTSBURGH -- A woman accused of killing an FBI agent in southwestern Pennsylvania in 2008 was sentenced on Tuesday to nearly 16 years in prison, her attorney said.

Christina Marie Korbe pleaded guilty to charges related to the shooting death of FBI agent Sam Hicks on November 19, 2008. Hicks

and other law enforcement officials had entered Korbe's family's house with a warrant for the arrest of her husband, Robert Korbe, on drug charges, according to court documents.

Police arrived at the Indiana Township residence around 6 a.m. and broke down the door after Robert Korbe refused to

open it. Christina Korbe fired one shot with a .38 caliber revolver down a dark stairwell from the second floor, hitting Hicks.

Christina Korbe pleaded guilty on Tuesday to voluntary manslaughter and committing a crime of violence with a firearm in a plea deal with federal prosecutors, according to a statement issued by her attorney, Caroline Roberto.

A judge sentenced Korbe to 70 months for manslaughter and 120 months for the firearm offense. She was given credit for time already served.

Robert Korbe was sentenced to 25 years in prison in September after pleading guilty to drug trafficking and other charges. □

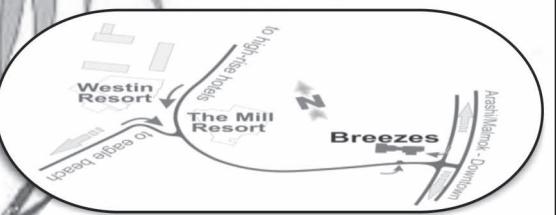
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Jamaica calls for reduction of passenger duty tax

Prime Minister of Jamaica Bruce Golding says the Caribbean region faces many of the same challenges requiring united action, one of which has to do with the decision of the United Kingdom to impose the Aviation Passenger Duty (APD) tax. He said the region was united in its position that this tax is manifestly unjust to the countries of the Caribbean region.

Mr. Golding was speaking at the opening ceremony of the two-day Caribbean Marketplace and awards presentation at the new convention Centre in Montego Bay this evening (Jan 16). Varying APD rates are dictated by the classification of worldwide destinations by the UK government - with passengers taking trips to the Caribbean being particularly badly hit.

Mr. Golding said several leaders from the region have impressed upon the British government that the tax is not fair and that it needs to be reviewed. He noted that representation has been made, the late Prime Minister of Barbados, David Thompson, Jamaica's own Tourism Minister Ed Bartlett and the Caribbean Tourism Organisation and himself to the British Government about the negative impact of this new tax on travel to the region.

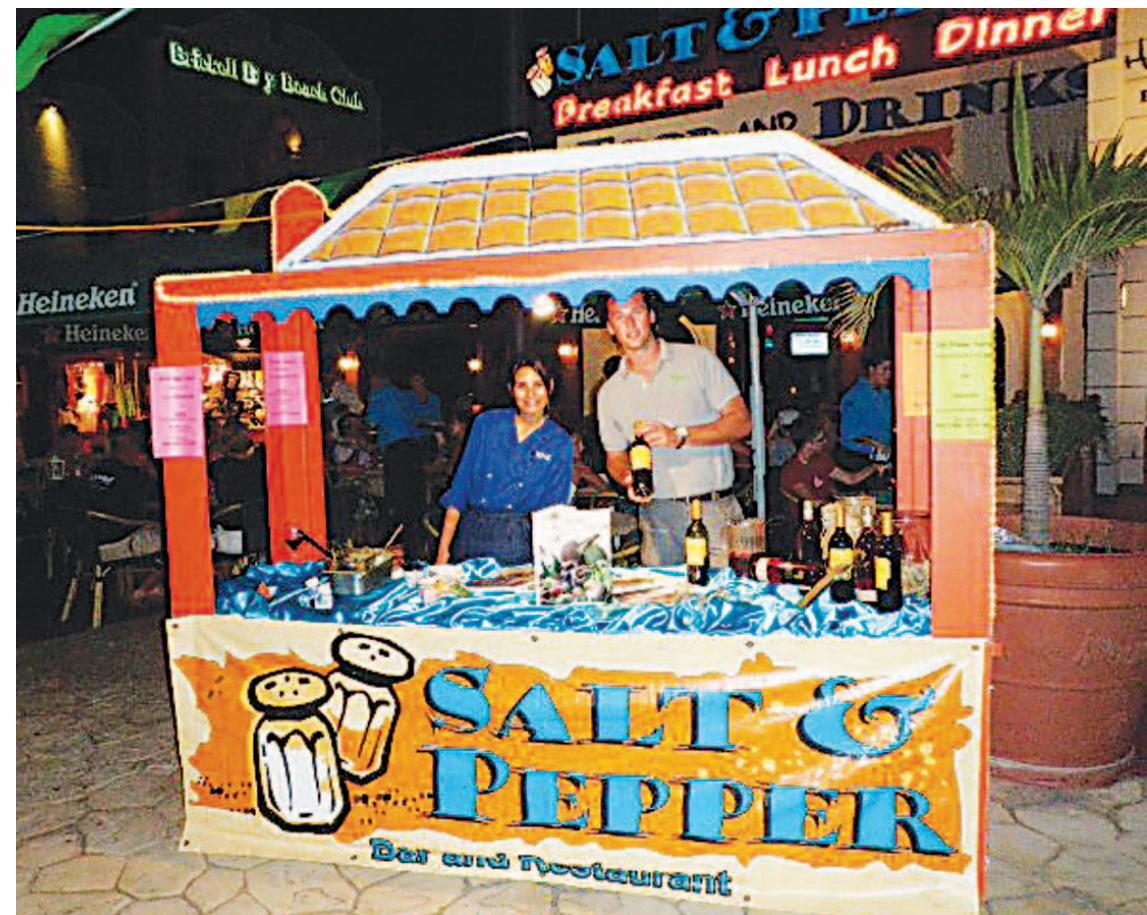
Mr. Golding said that in handing over the chairmanship of Caricom to Grenada's Prime Minister Tillman Thomas, he provided a full brief on all the activities of Caricom including a detailed update on the efforts that have been made to adjust this increase and he is confident that Caricom will continue to make representation to the British government.

'Going to London and pleading are not the only options we have', Mr. Golding noted. He said he had consulted widely and there are other options that the Caribbean may have to consider in tackling something that 'is not just unfair and unjust but is in conflict with established global rules of tourism'. □

Food & Wine Festival at cozy Arawak Garden on January 22

PALM BEACH - Saturday January 22 should be on your 'things to do' list! It is the date of the monthly Food & Wine Festival, held at the Arawak Garden across from the high rise hotels. The cozy courtyard will be filled with the sounds of live music and there are wine tastings and more. All the restaurants of the Arawak Garden have come up with enticing specials, so come and enjoy!

Popular Salt & Pepper offers a Tapas Platter for Two with a pitcher of Sangria; there is a choice of six tapas. Tango Restaurant, where one can find the best meat on the island, is serving a Mixed Grill Skewer with a glass of



Sangria, while Burger King lures everyone with a free dessert with the purchase of any Value Meal.

But this is not all: Fishes & More is going all-out with a three-course menu; Casa Tua follows suit with a Seafood Risotto. Piano Bar Sopranos, the hippest place for drinks, is featuring a fantastic piano player, who

is belting out requests. A live cigar roller will be entertaining you as well.

Entrance to the Food & Wine Festival at cozy Arawak Garden (across from the Occidental Resort) is free of charge; the festival starts at 5 pm; it is sponsored by Pepia Est, Romar Trading, Compra and Aruba Wine and Dine. □



Aruba Timeshare Association celebrates the New Year



Aruba Timeshare Resorts, in general, can all look back at a very successful 2010 with strong occupancies as a result of their loyal members and guests. General

Managers of resorts affiliated with the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA), as well as the General Manager of fellow ATSA member De Palm Tours, attended a recent

get-together at Barefoot Restaurant in order to toast to past accomplishments as well as to look forward to new plans in 2011. ATSA members enjoyed an excellent dinner accompanied by cocktails, as well as attentive service by Luc, while they renewed friendships under the stars at Nikky Beach.

The re-elected Board consisting of Jan van Nes (President), Andy Osbourne (Treasurer) and Aisa van der Biezen (Secretary) also hosted the outgoing and incoming Directors of Aruba Experience magazine, which, for several years, have been working with the Timeshare Resorts in the publication of personalized in-house magazines. Treasurer Andy Osbourne thanked Piet Jansen

for his past collaborations and welcomed new Director Susan Ruiter, who will be at the helm of this popular tourism magazine with Piet's assistance. ATSA Treasurer Andy Osbourne noted that ATSA has high expectations for 2011 with plans for OPC certification courses as well as the evidence of an enhanced Product Aruba, with the launch of various projects that are the result of ATSA's collaboration with the Government through the Tourism Product Enhancement Fund. In addition to Mr. Osbourne's

eloquent words, ATSA President Jan van Nes thanked ATSA trainee Gildou Kramer, who has been working very diligently during the past six (6) months in generating valuable benchmarking data for the Association.

Aruba boasts approximately 4,000 timeshare units that serve to guarantee year-round high occupancies in addition to significant financial contributions to Aruba's economy. ATSA members agree that prospects continue to look very positive for 2011. □



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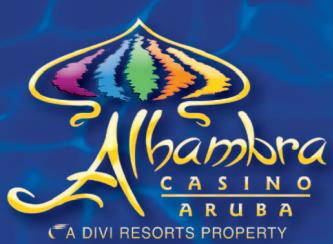
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on biting the fence. He takes a good bite into the wood and inhales deeply. It is a strange habit, which sometimes occurs when horses or donkeys are bored. But Andrew is not bored at all; he is interacting with the other donkeys and has a whale of a time. So now and then we just replace the wood of the fence and that is that.

Andrew has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way he can be recognized and all his medical information is on it. The donkeys at the shelter are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers. The volunteers try to cover the cost through organizing all kinds of activities and by selling nice souvenirs in the store. Fortunately there are visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who

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ORANJESTAD, ARUBA – When planning a vacation, most travelers first pick where they want to go, then decide on a hotel or resort that provides the most for their money. For anyone visiting the Caribbean, the Divi & Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusives are the natural choice! To learn why, read these Top Ten Reasons to choose Divi Aruba All Inclusive & Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusive for vacation.

Beach – By far the biggest reason why travelers visit the Caribbean, the beach at Divi & Tamarijn Aruba is among the finest anywhere. With powder-soft sand stretching for over a mile between the two properties, guests are never far from the uncrowded beach when staying at these two resorts. It's the ideal spot for strolling hand in hand with your partner, watching a sunset over the water, soaking up the sun or enjoying one of the properties' many water sports and beach activities.

Two All-Inclusive Resorts for the Price of One – Gaining popularity for added simplicity and value, all stays at Divi & Tamarijn Aruba are always all inclusive. For just one price, travelers can eat, drink and enjoy all the complimentary activities available without ever having to worry about pulling out their wallets. Of course, guests who stay at either property have full use of the facilities, services and amenities of the other, located just steps away, so guests are essentially getting the convenience of two resorts for the price of one!

Dining Options – For those

who want to experience a variety of cuisines in their travels, Divi & Tamarijn Aruba offer plenty of options for daily meals, snacks and beverages. Nine dining outlets serve Italian, Continental, Asian-Fusion and more, so guests can eat at just their favorite venues or try them all. Atmospheres range from casual to elegant, and many of the properties' dining establishments have open-air seating as well as spectacular ocean views for the ultimate beachside meal.

Activities – Want to try scaling a rock climbing wall right on the beach? Or perhaps take part in a game of beach volleyball? Maybe a salsa lesson or bike tour would be preferable. From Papiamento (the local Aruban dialect) lessons or browsing the craft market to sunfish sailing, windsurfing, snorkeling, kayaking or other non-motorized water sports, Divi & Tamarijn Aruba have numerous activities suited for all ages and preferences.

Accommodations – Breathe in the ocean air while looking out over the beach or landscaped property, as each guestroom at Divi & Tamarijn Aruba has its own spacious patio or balcony. At Tamarijn Aruba, all rooms are oceanfront, looking right out over the beach. Guests staying at Divi Aruba can select from beachside, oceanview, oceanfront or, for a more secluded option, gardenview rooms.

Three Large Freshwater Swimming Pools – Relaxing by the pool is a great way to spend an afternoon, and with

a total of three freshwater swimming pools at Divi & Tamarijn Aruba there's always enough space by the pool's edge. Both properties also have a poolside bar & grill, so it's easy to grab a snack, meal or cool beverage in between dips in the water. In addition, the Divi Aruba's pool deck has just been renovated and now features modern seating areas providing comfort and style.

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Nightly Entertainment – While Latin dance shows, limbo lines, jazz nights, salsa dance classes and Mystic shows with fire-eating are usually the types of night time fun found in Aruba's night spots, guests at the Divi & Tamarijn Aruba don't ever have to leave the properties to find great evening entertainment. With a different theme night or party each night of the week, there's plenty of variety to keep guests coming back for more.

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Who Is Your Reference Point

"You can't go through life comparing yourself to every sum'bitch in it!" The Texas rancher's message was simple in delivery and profound in meaning. It is human nature to compare yourself to others, and it can be debilitating or empowering.

When used properly, comparing yourself to others can be beneficial. Comparing yourself to those who have already attained what you want creates drive, motivation and hope. We must realize, however, that every person is a unique individual, with different experiences, hormones, emotions and thoughts. Every single person has a singularly unique experience of Life, which cannot translate onto other people's experience. Your personal experience of life is non-transferrable.

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When we define our own success, we empower ourselves. We each have a responsibility to our selves, to define our own path and strive in every moment to stay on it. When we define our own journey, we become independent of other people's

judgments. People will see whatever they see through their own unique eyes, and it has nothing to do with who we are. People's judgement has nothing to do with you and everything to do with them. People don't see you, they see themselves in you.

When we define our own success, it doesn't matter what others see. This realization empowers us to remove our emotions from other people's judgments of us. When we dictate how we measure our own personal success, it doesn't matter what other people think. When your emotions are free from other's judgments, you can be yourself, independent of external forces pushing you off of your true path.

Don't compare your life to every sum'bitch in it. You are you, you are not other people. Other people are themselves, they do not see you and you do not see them. Define success by what is truly important to you, not what other people want for you, or what they want for themselves thru you. Everyone has ulterior motives, their own agenda that they can accomplish by pushing you off your path. Don't let them. Not giving it your all is the only failure, and only you

WikiLeaks' next target: Income-tax cheaters?

New York – A Swiss banker says he gave chief WikiLeaks Julian Assange the names of more than 2,000 prominent tax evaders. Is this a secret-sharing spree we can all get behind?

At a press conference Monday, former Swiss bank executive Rudolf Elmer handed WikiLeaks' Julian Assange two discs that he says contain details on more than 2,000 people who evaded income



taxes, legally or otherwise, through offshore banking. The list includes about 40 politicians and "pillars of society" from Europe, Asia, and the U.S., says Elmer, who ran the Cayman Islands operations of Swiss bank Julius Baer for eight years before being fired. Elmer says the leak should help "educate" non-bankers about how stacked the system is toward the wealthy. Is that a good use of WikiLeaks? (Watch an AP report about the latest leak)

Rat out the tax cheats: I'm honestly "of two minds about WikiLeaks," and especially conflicted about the dump of diplomatic cables, says Fiona Anderson in The Vancouver Sun. "However, I like the latest leaks." If Assange is going to push radical transparency, this kind of cheating by "politicians and pillars of society" is what he should focus on. I, for one, am "looking forward to seeing that information, if it ever gets out." "WikiLeaks gets info on Swiss bank accounts"

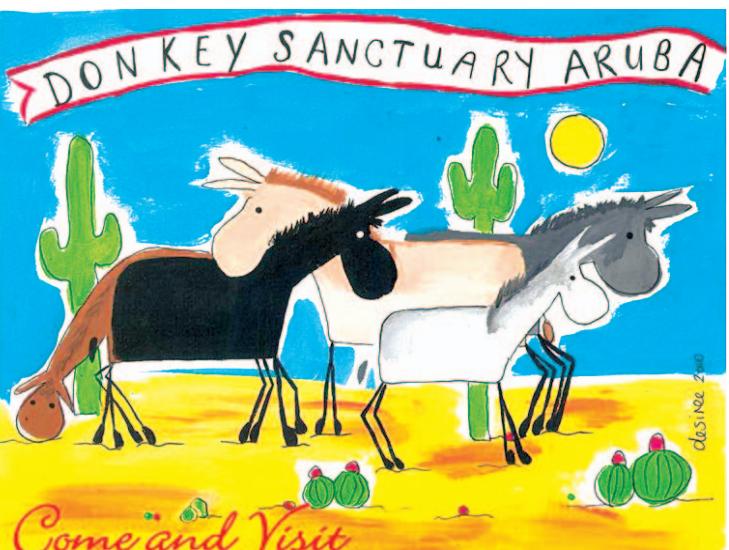
This naming and shaming could be dangerous: Tax

dodgers worldwide should be "quaking in their boots" about now, says Queen's University (Canada) law professor Art Cockfield, as quoted in The Toronto Sun. But "the problem is the WikiLeaks documents may also reveal legal tax planning" by wealthy people who legitimately "don't want their personal information made public, like how much money they have. Often, there are security concerns."

"Tax cheats on WikiLeaks' hitlist"

The target is the system, not the people: "Don't expect any juicy secrets about well-known celebrities to come out of this new release at least not yet," says Martin Bryant in The Next Web. Both Elmer and WikiLeaks say that the point is exposing "the system that allows such tax evasion." We'll see whether the authorities look into the banking system once the leaked information is released, probably within a matter of weeks.

"WikiLeaks receives details of mass offshore tax evasion..." □



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Duvalier accused of corruption, embezzlement

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier was hauled into court to answer questions Tuesday as a legal case was opened against him nearly 25 years after he was ousted from power in a popular uprising against what was widely regarded as a brutal and corrupt regime.

Defense attorney Gervais Charles said the former Haitian dictator known as "Baby Doc" is facing accusations of corruption and embezzlement for allegedly pilfering the treasury before his 1986 ouster.

Charles said the case is now in the hands of a judge of instruction who will decide whether there is enough evidence to go to trial. That process can take up to three months.

Duvalier spent much of the day in a closed-door in a court session before answering questions.

Haiti's system allows for

pretrial detention. But Mona Bernadeau, a Senate candidate from Duvalier's political party, the former leader was expected to return to his hotel after the court session ended. Earlier Tuesday, a contingent of police led the former dictator through the hotel and to a waiting SUV. He was not wearing handcuffs. Police did not say if he had been charged with anything.

Duvalier, 59, was calm and did not say anything, ignoring questions from journalists, as he was led away to cheers from some and jeers from others. The SUV drove in a convoy of police vehicles to a courthouse, even as dozens of Duvalier supporters tried to block streets with overturned trash bins and rocks to try to prevent the former dictator from going to prison.

The courthouse was thronged with spectators and journalists, who were not permitted to enter to view the proceedings. His companion, Veronique Roy, spoke to an Associated Press reporter by phone from



Police take Haiti's ex-dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier, center, out of his hotel as his wife Veronique Roy, right, looks on in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday Jan. 18, 2011. Haitian police took Duvalier, who abruptly returned to Haiti on Sunday, out of his hotel to a waiting SUV without saying whether he was being detained for crimes committed under his brutal regime.

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inside the court, and asked if Duvalier had been arrested, said, "Absolutely not."

She said she did not know why authorities decided to escort him to court and did not expect to be there much

longer. "We are very relaxed, drinking coffee and water," she told AP. "They said they are making photocopies. We don't know why."

Several hundred Duvalier supporters gathered outside the court, burning tires, chanting slogans and calling for the arrest of President Rene Preval. Fifty-six-year-old Chal Christen, waved a flag of Duvalier's political party — one he said he'd had stored away since the one-time "president for life" was deposed in a popular uprising and forced into exile nearly 25 years ago.

"We don't have food, our houses collapsed, our children can't go to school. It's Preval that is the dictator," Christen said. "We want Duvalier for president. Under him we ate well, we were safe."

Fenel Alexi, a 31-year-old mechanic, watched the scene and denounced both Duvalier and Preval. "The citizens of this country have endured so much crime," Alexi said. "We haven't had a president who hasn't committed crimes."

Duvalier was removed from the hotel after meeting in private with senior Haitian judicial officials inside his hotel room amid calls by human rights groups and other for his arrest.

The country's top prosecutor and a judge were among those

meeting with the former leader in the high-end hotel where he has been ensconced since his surprise return to Haiti on Sunday.

Dozens of Haitian National Police officers were posted inside and around the hotel, some of them in riot gear or guarding the stairwells. A police vehicle for transporting prisoners was parked in front of the hotel's main door and all non-police traffic was halted at the driveway.

Henry Robert Sterlin, a former ambassador under Duvalier who has said in recent days that he was speaking as a spokesman for the former dictator, told reporters at the scene he was shocked by the developments. "Let's see if they put him in prison," he said.

None of the officials present would comment on what was being discussed at the meeting. Asked by journalists why he was going to meet Duvalier, Judge Gabriel Amboisse said, "I'm here to assist the prosecutor because he asked me to be here with him."

Duvalier was forced into exile in 1986 in a mass uprising and had been living in exile in France. Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and others have urged the Haitian government to arrest him for widespread abuses. □

Israel arrests man wanted in Srebrenica massacre

JOSH LEDERMAN

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police on Tuesday arrested a former Bosnian Serb soldier implicated by Bosnian authorities in the killing of 8,000 Muslim men in 1995.

Aleksander Cvetkovic, 42, was arrested Tuesday morning following an extradition request from the Bosnian government, the Israeli Justice Ministry said. A hearing Wednesday in Jerusalem will set a timetable for determining whether he can be extradited.

The Bosnian Prosecutor's Office said Cvetkovic "was suspected of genocide" because of direct participation in the 1995 execution of Bosnian Muslim men and boys at the Branjevo farm, near Srebrenica. Four other former members of Cvetkovic's battalion are being tried by Bosnia's war crimes court on



This photo made available Tuesday Jan. 18, 2011 by Israel's Ministry of Justice shows a man identified as a young Aleksander Cvetkovic, a former Bosnian Serb soldier suspected by Bosnian authorities of involvement in the genocide of 8000 Muslim men in 1995 in what is known as the Srebrenica massacre.

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genocide charges related to the incident.

The Justice Ministry said Cvetkovic moved to Israel with his family in 2006. He received citizenship under

Israeli law because his wife is Jewish. The Israeli public defender's office appointed Nick Kaufman as Cvetkovic's lawyer. Kaufman, who is also defending former Congolese Vice President Jean-Pierre Bemba on war crimes charges, is a former prosecutor for the U.N. war crimes tribunal, where he helped convict former Serbian generals.

Under the European Convention on Extradition, which both Bosnia-Herzegovina and Israel have signed, Israel is obligated to extradite Cvetkovic if he is wanted for carrying out a nonpolitical offense that is illegal in both nations.

The Bosnian prosecutor's office thanked Israel Tuesday for cooperating with the August 2010 request.

"We expect the suspect to be extradited to Bosnia-Herzegovina soon," said spokesman Boris Grubacic. □



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, right, stand during an official welcome ceremony in the ancient town of Jericho on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011. The Palestinians welcomed Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to the West Bank on Tuesday, seizing the high-profile visit as an opportunity to showcase their progress toward building an independent state.

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JERICHO, West Bank (AP) — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev gave a political boost to the Palestinians on Tuesday, backing their claim to east Jerusalem as a capital and their demand that Israel must freeze all settlement construction before peace talks can resume.

Medvedev delivered the supportive message during his

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first visit as president to the Palestinian areas, at a time of corrosive deadlock in U.S.-led Mideast peace efforts. While practically on Israel's doorstep, he did not visit Israel because of a strike by Israeli diplomats.

The Palestinians, who say they are ready for independence, hailed the visit as a chance to showcase their progress toward building their state.

The ancient town of Jericho was decked out in Russian

Russian president calls for Israeli building freeze

and Palestinian flags, and black-clad Palestinian troops with assault rifles lined the streets. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Medvedev were received by an honor guard in a red carpet ceremony. Russia is a member of the so-called Quartet of Mideast peace makers, along with the U.S., European Union and United Nations. The Quartet is to meet in Germany next month to find a way out of the current quagmire.

Israeli-Palestinian negotiations briefly resumed in September, but broke down after a slowdown on settlement construction expired. Abbas says he won't negotiate unless Israel halts all construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, captured lands sought by the Palestinians for their state.

Israel has rejected calls to

renew the freeze, and the Obama administration has not presented a plan for bringing the sides together again.

In this vacuum, Medvedev affirmed the Palestinians' right to a state, with east Jerusalem as a capital, though he did not say what he believed the borders of the state should be. In recent weeks, several South American countries have taken such a step, recognizing a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, the territories Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast War.

The Russian position was not new, but put it at odds with Israel. Netanyahu has said Israel will not withdraw to the 1967 borders and that he will not relinquish east Jerusalem, which Israel annexed to its capital after the 1967 war. The annexation of the area, home

to sensitive religious sites, has not been recognized by the international community.

Medvedev said Tuesday that the Palestinians have the right to a viable state with east Jerusalem as a capital.

The Russian leader also sided with the Palestinian demand that all settlement construction must stop. Since 1967, Israel has moved nearly half a million Israelis into settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, and Palestinians argue that partition becomes increasingly difficult as these enclaves expand.

"We discussed the conditions for resuming talks with Israel, which include continued self-control and strictly abiding by commitments, and before anything else, freezing all Israeli settlement activities in the West Bank and east Jerusalem," Medvedev said. □

Mexico police: founding member of Zetas captured



Federal Police agents escort Flavio Mendez Santiago, center, alias "El Amarillo," alleged member and co-founder of the Zetas drug cartel, during a presentation to the media in Mexico City, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011. Mendez Santiago was detained in Villa de Etla, Mexican state of Oaxaca, some 400 km southeast of Mexico City, on Monday.

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said Tuesday.

Flavio Mendez Santiago, 35, was arrested along with a bodyguard outside Oaxaca City. He was in charge of operations in the states of Oaxaca, Chiapas and Veracruz, said Federal police anti-drug chief Ramon Pequeno.

Pequeno said Mendez Santiago, known as "El

Amarillo" or "The Yellow One," controlled the smuggling of Central and South American migrants and was in charge of moving them to the northern states of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, on the border with Texas.

The Zetas are suspected in the disappearance of more than 40 Central American migrants in Oaxaca last month. The travelers were last seen Dec. 16 near the city of Ixtapilla along the sun-scorched transit route for thousands who ride northbound freight trains.

The gang is blamed for massacring 72 migrants in August in the northern state of Tamaulipas.

Mendez Santiago also controlled the main overland drug smuggling routes from Central America, Pequeno said. Mendez Santiago, a former soldier, was recruited in 1993 by the Gulf cartel and years later served as bodyguard for then leader Osiel Cardenas Guillen. □

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's federal police have arrested a founding member of the brutal Zetas drug cartel, a man who controlled drug smuggling routes and the kidnapping of Central American migrants in southern Mexico, officials

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Tunisian ministers quit; police breakup protest

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TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — At least four opposition ministers quit Tunisia's day-old unity government Tuesday, aligning themselves with demonstrators who insist democratic change is impossible while so many supporters of the freshly ousted president are hoarding posts of power.

Police in riot gear forcefully put down a demonstration of the sort that toppled the North African country's longtime autocratic leader last week, pummeling a demonstrator with batons and boot kicks — and highlighting a question on many minds: Is the new regime really much different? As Tunisia struggles to move past the rioting, looting and score-settling that has marked the political transition, there was a growing sense Tuesday that it will be difficult for the interim government to hold together and pave the way toward elections expected within six to seven months.

After the initial exhilaration of last week, when a populist uprising ousted President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali after 23 years in power and sent him fleeing to Saudi Arabia — sounding a warning bell for

other political strongmen in the region — many are fretting about what it ultimately meant. "I am afraid that our revolution will be stolen from me and my people. The people are asking for freedoms and this new government is not. They are the ones who oppressed the people for 23 years," said Ines Mawdud, a 22-year-old student who was among protesters at the demonstration.

Tunisia's outlawed Ennahda Islamist party said its members also marched Tuesday — something that was unthinkable during the rule of Ben Ali, who banned the group in 1992 and waged an ongoing crackdown against it. Authorities had accused the group of forming a military wing to kill Ben Ali and establish a Muslim fundamentalist state. Group leaders said their confessions were extracted through torture. Hamadi Jebali, a spokesman for the party, told AP it wants "a chance to let the people of Tunisia choose their leaders and to have a chance to accept or reject us via the polls."

Ben Ali was often criticized for a heavy-handed crackdown on Islamists and opponents, for curbing civil liberties and for running a police state — though he was praised for

turning his country into a successful tourist haven and was an ally in the U.S. fight against terrorism.

In an attempt to distance themselves from Ben Ali, the country's interim president and prime minister quit the ruling RCD party on Tuesday. The RCD party also kicked out Ben Ali, its founder, national television reported. It was not immediately clear how protesters would greet those moves.

Also Tuesday, political leader Moncef Marzouki returned from more than 20 years of exile in France to a joyful reception at Tunis' airport from supporters who carried him on their shoulders.

Marzouki, a physician and human rights activist who leads the once-banned CPR party and wants to run for president, urged fellow Tunisians to hold firm in their efforts to bring down Ben Ali's party.

"Don't let anyone steal this blessed revolution from you," Marzouki said, adding: "Don't waste the blood of our martyrs." That was a reference to the 78 protesters and civilians who died in the protests that swept Ben Ali from power. Many were killed by police bullets.



A protestor addresses riot police officers during a demonstration against the Constitutional Democratic Rally, RCD, party of Ben Ali in the center of Tunis, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011. Clashes broke out in central Tunis around the time the resignations were announced, as police fought off protesters demanding that the new cabinet be purged of the old guard that served Ben Ali.

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In another blow to the Mediterranean country, whose economy is heavily dependent on tourism, several European tour operators said they have canceled trips to Tunisia through mid-February due to safety concerns.

U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said that about 70 U.S. citizens, including officials and private citizens, were flown out of Tunis today to Rabat, Morocco. The United States is hoping Tunisia will take a path that includes "open and fair elections" and "investigating

the abuses of the past," he said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also urged "broad-based consultations ... to establish an inclusive interim government leading to the holding of timely and credible elections," U.N. spokesman Martin Nesiry said.

The new unity government announced Monday was mostly made up of old guard politicians. The four ministers who quit Tuesday had been invited in though they were long critical of the ruling party. □

Mine fields circle Jesus' traditional baptism site



Christian Orthodox pilgrims arrive to a traditional Epiphany baptism ceremony, at Qasr el Yahud, the spot where John the Baptist is said to have baptized Jesus, near the West Bank town of Jericho, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011.

Associated Press

ARON HELLER

Associated Press

QASR EL-YAHUD, West Bank (AP) — Just months before the official opening of one of Christianity's holiest sites to visitors, the area where John the Baptist is said to have baptized Jesus remains surrounded by thousands of land mines.

Israel says the sites visited by

pilgrims and tourists in an area known as Qasr el-Yahud will be safe, but advocacy groups warn that crowds could be in danger.

On Tuesday, some 15,000 Christian pilgrims marched between two fenced-in mine fields to reach the Epiphany ceremony led by the Greek Orthodox patriarch on the Jordan River, 5 miles east of

the oasis town of Jericho at the edge of the West Bank.

Worshippers from around the world dipped themselves in the muddy waters, facing fellow believers on the other side of the small river. Orthodox clergymen dressed in dark frocks and robes chanted prayers as Patriarch Theofilos III blessed the waters, hurled branches and released white doves into the air.

This site is Christianity's third holiest — after the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, on the spot where Christian belief says Jesus was crucified and resurrected, and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where tradition holds Jesus was born — and the baptism marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Since Israel took control of the area in the 1967 Mideast war, pilgrims have had to coordinate their visits with the Israeli military, because of security concerns and leftover land mines.

The ancient churches and monasteries on the Israeli side, some dating back to the fourth century, are surrounded by signs reading "Danger! Mines!" "Since it was a border, the place is really littered by hundreds and hundreds of mines, and therefore the area is not open to the public and to the believers and pilgrims," said Avner Goren, an archaeologist who works with Israel's Tourism Ministry. The ministry says about 60,000 people visit each year, but with the upcoming official opening that number is expected to rise to the millions. No date for the opening has been set.

The Israeli military says the baptism site and adjacent churches are located in a "completely mine-free zone," and insists "no danger is posed to tourists or worshippers."

"The (military) regularly clears away minefields in the Jordan River Valley, and in the last year alone approximately 8,000 mines have been removed from

the area," the military said in a statement.

Dhyan Or, the Israel director of the global anti-mining advocacy group "Roots of Peace," said there are half a million mines in the Jordan Valley — an area prone to floods. He warned that land mines could drift from the fenced areas, and that overzealous worshippers could stray from the marked paths.

"There is no political problem to remove the mines and no technical problem to do so," he said. "All that is missing is the political will."

In contrast, Jordan cleared the minefields on its side of the border after signing a peace deal with Israel in 1994. Jordan has developed a cultural heritage center on its side across the narrow river from the West Bank shrine, claiming it as the site of the baptism. The center has attracted millions of tourists. Pope John Paul II visited the Jordanian site in 2000, reinforcing the Jordanian claim. □

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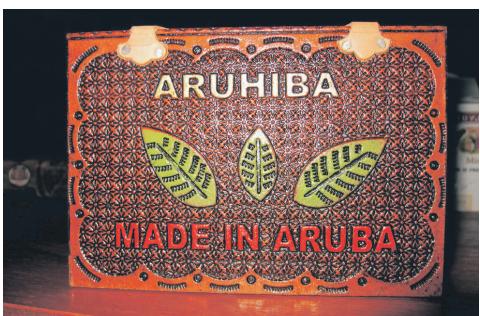
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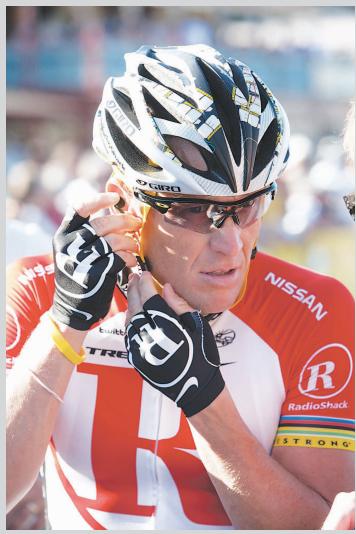
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Report:



Lance Armstrong of the United States, riding for RadioShack, gets ready for the Tour Down Under bicycle racing prologue at Adelaide, Australia, Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011.

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Armstrong kept ties to Italian doctor

NEW YORK (AP) — A story in Sports Illustrated challenges Lance Armstrong's statements that he cut ties to a controversial Italian doctor and training adviser who has long been accused of helping cyclists cheat.

In a report posted Tuesday on its website, the magazine previewed a longer investigative piece that will appear Wednesday.

Without naming its source, SI said that when Italian authorities raided the home of Armstrong teammate Yaroslav Popovych last November in Italy, they found texts and e-mails linking the Radio Shack team with Dr. Michele Ferrari as recently as 2009. Armstrong severed his connection with Ferrari in 2004, amid accusations the doctor aided another rider in using performance-enhancing drugs. Ferrari was convicted and then later cleared of criminal charges on appeal.

Armstrong spokesman Mark Fabiani calls the report "old news from the same old, discredited sources."

A federal grand jury in Los Angeles has been hearing evidence for months on cheating in professional cycling.

The investigation turned toward Armstrong — and several of his associates have testified before the panel — since ex-teammate Floyd Landis accused the seven-time Tour de France winner of systematic doping. □

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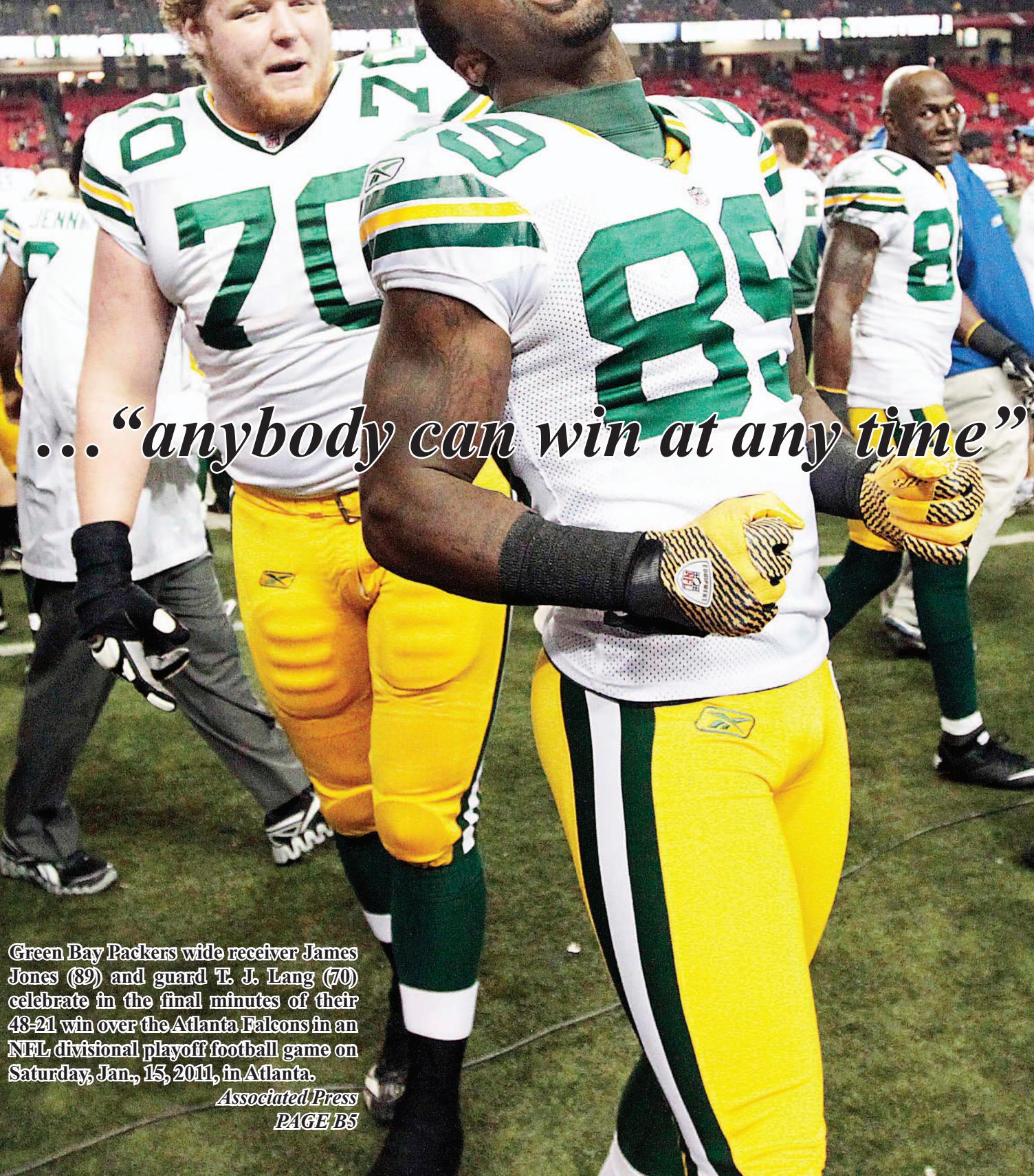
Dinara Safina of Russia reacts to a lost point against Kim Clijsters of Belgium during their first round match at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011.

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SEEDED LOW... RISING HIGH



Green Bay Packers wide receiver James Jones (89) and guard T.J. Lang (70) celebrate in the final minutes of their 48-21 win over the Atlanta Falcons in an NFL divisional playoff football game on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, in Atlanta.

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Zenyatta wins Horse of Year

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Moments after the Eclipse Awards ended Monday night, Zenyatta owner Ann Moss came off the stage eager to call her mare in Kentucky. They keep in touch by video phone.

"I just can't wait to tell her," a beaming Moss said. "We won!"

Zenyatta beat Blame to win Horse of the Year, besting the only opponent ever to defeat her on the track.

The award caps a remarkable career for the popular Zenyatta, one of the sport's greatest mares. She was 19-0 before losing her final race to Blame in the Breeders' Cup Classic last November.

"This makes it all OK after getting beat last time," said Mike Smith, Zenyatta's jockey.

Zenyatta received 128 votes and Blame 102. Goldikova, the other nominee, received five votes for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Daily Racing Form and National Turf Writers and Broadcasters.

Moss' husband, Jerry, feared they might vote for Blame because of the head-to-head defeat last fall. Was he surprised to win?

"A little bit, because we lost the big race," Moss said. "I guess it's our turn in a way."



In this Dec. 5, 2010, file photo, champion racehorse Zenyatta stands in the winner's circle during Zenyatta Appreciation Day at Hollywood Park in Los Angeles. Zenyatta is among the finalists for the Eclipse Award's Horse of the Year, which will be handed out on Jan. 17, 2011.

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Zenyatta was runner-up for Horse of the Year in 2008 and 2009.

"We always hoped," Ann Moss said. "We hoped last year, and the year before that. We're just so happy. She's such a gift."

Zenyatta's three-year body of work and charismatic personality swayed voters her way. She has been racing's leading lady and boosted its popularity, while Blame wasn't widely known outside of the sport.

When video highlights of the three finalists were shown before the award was announced, the ballroom crowd reserved its applause for Zenyatta. And after the

Mosses accepted the trophy, the crowd gave Team Zenyatta a standing ovation.

"We're such a niche sport," said Jerry Moss, a music executive. "The fact she transcended all that and people were interested in seeing her — she was a crossover hit."

Zenyatta cost the Mosses only \$60,000 when they purchased her as a yearling in 2005, and she went on to win 13 Grade 1 stakes, including five last year.

Blame ran against stronger competition than Zenyatta in 2010, and his wins included the Stephen Foster Handicap and the Whitney at Saratoga. But the 4-year-old colt finished second in the Jockey Club Gold Cup, which may have lost him some votes.

Al Stall Jr., Blame's trainer, said his camp wasn't disappointed Zenyatta won.

"It just fell that way," he said. "Nobody is surprised. She was the overwhelming favorite. She had transcendent powers we didn't have."

Zenyatta's now at Lane's End Farm in Kentucky awaiting her first breeding date, with the stallion to be chosen in the next couple of weeks before she's bred in late February, Jerry Moss said.

"She's doing extremely well at Lane's End," Moss told the crowd. "Hey, you can look it up every day on Zenyatta.com." □

Bahamas gains exempt status from NCAA

JOHN MARSHALL

AP Basketball Writer

The NCAA has given the Bahamas exempt status, clearing the way for the island nation to host a new holiday tournament that organizers hope will become the East Coast version of the Maui Invitational.

The NCAA's Division I Board of Directors approved the Bahamas' proposal without discussion over the weekend and the legislation goes into effect on Aug. 1. Organizers already have preliminary plans in place to hold an eight-team tournament of Division I schools over Thanksgiving weekend.

"We, of course, are very delighted the vote went in favor of the Bahamas," said George Markantonis, president and managing director of Kerzner International Bahamas, which spearheaded the tournament. "That enables entities in this country and certainly in our case, Atlantis, to go ahead with their plans for a monster preseason tournament."

Under NCAA rules, a country must have exempt status to host a tournament or the teams playing there will be limited to 27 regular-season games instead of 30.

The Bahamas had a trial run of sorts in December by hosting the Battle at Atlantis, a doubleheader held in a converted ballroom that featured Virginia Tech, Richmond, Georgia Tech and Mississippi State.

Now that the Bahamas has joined Mexico and Canada as countries with exempt status, tournament organizers have started sending out contracts to five schools that had already given verbal commitments to playing in next season's inaugural event, which will be called the Battle 4 Atlantis. Three other schools will be added, with tentative plans to play the tournament from Nov. 23-27.

"Basketball is the most popular sport in the Bahamas and we'd like to think it's going to stimulate more interest in the country, and that people will come and make a week of it on a long vacation and take in some quality basketball," Markantonis said.

The tournament will limit participation to one team per conference each year and require teams to wait four years before returning. Games will be played in an ornate ballroom that can hold up to 5,000 spectators and was the site of the 2009 Miss Universe Pageant. □

Report: Landis retires from professional cycling



NEW YORK (AP) — Disgraced cyclist Floyd Landis has retired from professional racing, saying the battle to fix the sport's drug-tainted image is "not my fight."

Landis told ESPN.com late Monday that he "spent five years trying to get back to a place that I can never really go back to, and it's causing more stress than is worth it."

Landis won the Tour de France

in 2006 but was stripped of the title after an arbitration panel upheld the results of a positive test for synthetic testosterone. Landis later acknowledged using performance-enhancing substances and has alleged widespread doping on his U.S. Postal Service team, which included seven-time Tour winner Lance Armstrong.

Armstrong, competing this week in the Tour Down Under in Australia, has steadfastly denied doping. He has also declined to comment on Landis and was unavailable after Tuesday's stage.

Landis said the effort to get back to the level he reached five years ago had been stressful and he finally told himself "there must be more to life than this."

"I've been riding my bike a lot, trying to figure out life, which is the same reason I did it to start with, so I've come full circle," Landis told ESPN.com. "But I'll never start on a line on a road and try to get to another line on a road faster than another guy. That's over."

Landis claims he's been unable to find a salaried position in cycling since May, when he publicly alleged widespread drug use in cycling, specifically identifying Armstrong. Landis rode sporadically during 2010 as an unaffiliated rider.

"I don't want it to come across that I'm quitting because I'm bitter," Landis said. "I'm relatively sure this sport cannot be fixed, but that's not my job, that's not my fight." □

This July 23, 2006, file photo shows Tour de France winner Floyd Landis holding his trophy on the podium after the final stage of the 93rd Tour de France cycling race, in Paris, France.

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Prince Fielder, Brewers settle at \$15.5 million

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Prince Fielder agreed to a \$15.5 million contract with the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday in the largest one-year deal for a player not yet eligible for free agency. On a day when 67 of the 119 players who filed for salary arbitration reached agreements, American League MVP Josh Hamilton, major league home run champion Jose Bautista and Houston pitcher Wandy Rodriguez submitted the largest proposed salaries when players and teams swapped proposed figures.

Hamilton asked Texas for \$12 million and was offered \$8.7 million; Bautista asked Toronto for \$10.5 million and was offered \$7.6 million; Rodriguez asked for \$10.25 million and was offered \$8 million. Only 37 players exchanged with their clubs, and three of those already have agreements.

Boston and closer Jonathan Papelbon settled at \$12 million, a person familiar with the deal said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the Red Sox had not yet announced it.

Texas agreed with pitcher C.J. Wilson at \$7 million and outfielder Nelson Cruz at \$2.65 million.

Those among the remaining 34 players who don't settle will have hearings next month.

Owners won five of eight hearings last year, bringing their advantage to 285-210 since salary arbitration began in 1974. However a study by The Associated Press found the 128 players in arbitration averaged a raise of 121 percent, down from the record 172 percent increase in 2009.

Fielder's agreement topped Mark Teixeira's \$12.5 million deal with Atlanta in 2008. Both are represented by agent Scott Boras, who encourages clients to test the free-agent market.

"We're just focusing on this year," Brewers general manager Doug Melvin said during an interview with the AP. "It's the best thing for all parties involved, with him going into his free agent year and us going into a year where we want to have a lot of success."

Fielder hit .261 with 32 homers and 83 RBIs last season, when he made \$11.25 million. It was the lowest batting average in

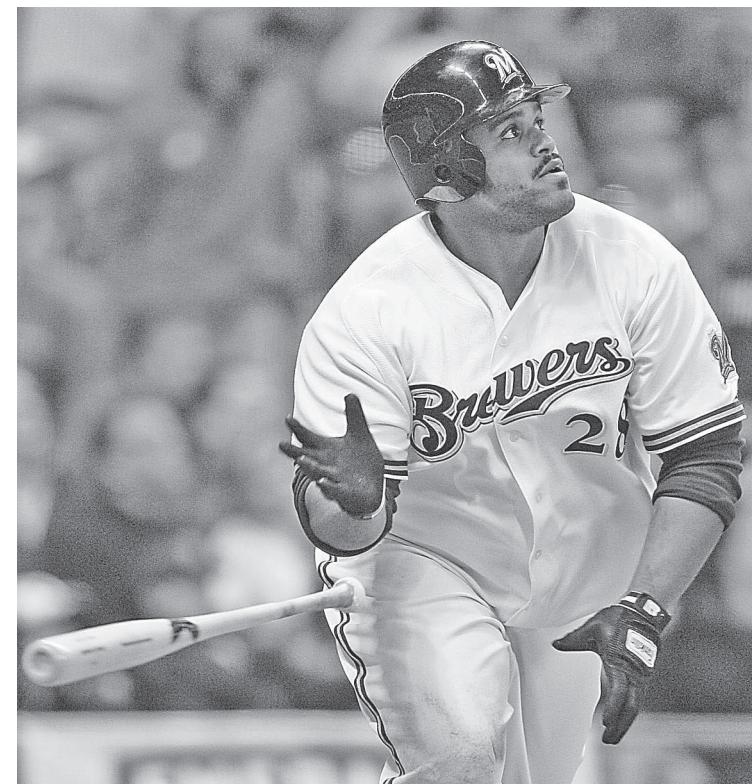
his big league career.

"We took into consideration his previous years — the 50 homers, the 46 homers. I know last year he had a little bit of a decline, but I expect him to bounce back," Melvin said. "We feel he's ready to bounce back and have a big year."

The \$3.3 million gap between Texas and Hamilton was the largest, and the \$2.9 million difference between Toronto and Bautista was the second biggest. Hamilton made \$3,275,000 last year, when he led the majors with a .359 batting average, hit 32 home runs and had 100 RBIs despite missing most of the final month because of broken ribs. Bautista hit .260 with 54 homers and 124 RBIs, and he made \$2.4 million.

"Philosophically, we don't see eye-to-eye right now and that's OK. That's why we have the process in place," Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos said during a conference call.

"We both realize there's no one who's right or wrong, both sides make a compelling case and it's very fair, and that's why we need a third party to make



In this April 26, 2008 file photo, Milwaukee Brewers' Prince Fielder hits a home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Florida Marlins in Milwaukee. Prince Fielder and the Brewers have avoided salary arbitration by agreeing to a \$15.5 million, one-year contract on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011.

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a determination of what the right value for the player is."

Among free agents, the New York Yankees finalized a \$35 million, three-year contract with Rafael Soriano, adding a

proven closer who will become Mariano Rivera's setup man.

Arizona agreed to one-year deals with right-hander Aaron Heilman (\$2 million) and utility man Willie Bloomquist (\$900,000). □

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NHL Roundup

Chara, Thomas lift Bruins past Hurricanes, 7-0

BOSTON (AP) — Zdeno Chara had his first career three-goal game and Tim Thomas stopped 31 shots for his seventh shutout to lift the Boston Bruins to a 7-0 win over the Carolina Hurricanes on Monday.

Mark Stuart, returning to the lineup after missing 18 games with a broken finger, had a goal in the first period. Gregory Campbell, Patrice Bergeron and Michael Ryder also scored for Boston, which has lost just twice in regulation in its last 13 games (8-2-3).

It was the Bruins' second lopsided win in six days; they shut out Ottawa 6-0 with Thomas in net last Tuesday. It was also the third time in the last four games Boston scored at least six goals.

Stars 2, Kings 1

At Dallas, Jamie Langenbrunner scored the go-ahead goal for Dallas on a second-period power play in his 1,000th NHL game, six minutes after Loui Eriksson also scored with the man advantage.

Langenbrunner broke a 1-all tie when he drove the net and converted Brad Richards' centering pass at 16:59 of the second with a second showing on Dallas' fifth power play. The Stars held a pregame ceremony for Langenbrunner, who had gone without a goal in his first three games back

with Dallas since he was acquired in a trade with the Devils.

Sharks 4, Coyotes 2

At Glendale, Arizona, Patrick Marleau scored early in his 1,000th career NHL game as San Jose beat Phoenix.

Rookie Logan Couture and Dany Heatley each had a goal and an assist for the Sharks, who won their second in a row after ending a six-game skid with a win Saturday night against St. Louis. Joe Thornton's empty-net goal with 48 seconds left sealed the victory.

Coyotes rookie Oliver Ekman-Larsson got his first NHL goal. Derek Morris also scored for Phoenix.

Thrashers 3, Panthers 2

At Sunrise, Florida, Bryan Little and Alexander Burmistrov scored in a shootout as Atlanta rallied from a late two-goal deficit to beat Florida.

Atlanta won the shootout 2-1, clinching the victory when Ondrej Pavelec stopped Cory Stillman's wrist shot on Florida's third attempt.

Mike Santorelli scored on the Panthers' first attempt to give Florida a 1-0 lead in the shootout. Little and Burmistrov scored on Atlanta's first two attempts. Little and Chris Thorburn scored in regulation for Atlanta, which snapped a



Dallas Stars general manager and former player Joe Nieuwendyk, left, presents Dallas Stars right wing Jamie Langenbrunner (15) with a silver hockey stick to commemorate Langenbrunner's 1000th career game before the start of their NHL hockey game against the Los Angeles Kings Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, in Dallas.

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four-game losing streak. Dennis Wideman and Dmitry Kulikov scored in regulation for the Panthers.

At Montreal, P.K. Subban scored 1:06 into overtime as Montreal beat Calgary after blowing a four-goal lead.

Calgary's Ales Kotalik and Alex Tanguay scored 1:19

apart early in the third to tie it at 4.

Rene Bourque scored the Flames' first goal at 13:26 of the second and Jay Bouwmeester made it 4-2 at 18:48.

Michael Cammalleri and Jeff Halpern each had a goal and an assist and Lars Eller and

Andrei Kostitsyn also scored for Montreal.

At Uniondale, Arizona, Vladimir Zharkov scored his first NHL goal as the suddenly potent New Jersey broke out again.

Zharkov started the Devils' latest barrage in the first period before Ilya Kovalchuk doubled the lead 57 seconds later. New Jersey also got a pair of goals 54 seconds apart from Rod Pelley and Dainius Zubrus in the second period after the Islanders trimmed a three-goal deficit to one.

Mattias Tedenby, playing for the first time since Jan. 1, and Pelley both had a goal and an assist to back Martin Brodeur's 27-save effort.

P.A. Parenteau and Michael Grabner had goals 54 seconds apart to pull New York to 3-2.

In other NHL games it was Atlanta 3, Florida 2, SO; Boston 7, Carolina 0; New Jersey 5, N.Y. Islanders 2; San Jose 4, Phoenix 2; Montreal 5, Calgary 4, OT; and Dallas 2, Los Angeles 1.



This Dec. 11, 2010, file photo shows Carolina Hurricanes' Eric Staal bringing the puck down the ice during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the St. Louis Blues, in St. Louis.

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Staal, Lidstrom will be NHL All-Star captains

TORONTO (AP) — The NHL's All-Star teams will be selected by Eric Staal and Nicklas Lidstrom. They have been appointed captains for the Jan. 30 game in Raleigh, North Carolina, and will lead teams carrying their names. Staal plays for the hometown Carolina Hurricanes. Lidstrom is the captain of the Detroit Red Wings and will be playing in his 12th All-Star game. The All-Stars were determined in a fan vote, and the players selected voted on the captains. The game features a revamped format this year.

Staal and Lidstrom will select their teams in a live draft two days before the game. They will also set the lineup for the skills competition Jan. 29. The alternate captains, still to be determined, will provide input during the draft.

Sidney Crosby was considered a favorite to be selected as captain, but the Pittsburgh Penguins star remains sidelined with a concussion and likely will miss the game. If that happens, it will be the third time he's missed an All-Star game because of injury. His sole appearance was in 2007. □



This Oct. 23, 2010, file photo shows Detroit Red Wings defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom, of Sweden, skating during the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Anaheim Ducks, in Detroit.

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Packers, Jets show what low seeds can do

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK — Just get in. If ever that philosophy about the NFL playoffs rang true, its this year, when two No. 6 seeds are in the conference championship games. And nobody would be shocked to see both the Green Bay Packers and New York Jets in the Super Bowl.

Nor would the NFL be upset by so many upsets. What better evidence could there be that the "anybody can win at any time" mantra is accurate? "Yeah, we're championship caliber," Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk said. "But championship caliber to us isn't getting to the NFC championship game. We have a lot higher goals than that. We're where we want to be. We've been saying all year, 'Just give us a chance to get here.' Now, it's up to us."

And up to the Jets to set up the first Super Bowl involving non-division winners.

"The idea is to win the Super Bowl, whether you do it by winning your division or as a wild card," Jets cornerback Darrell Reeves said. "Keep winning."

Long shots going far in the playoffs, even winning Super Bowls, is not unheard of. Consider that since the league went to six playoff teams in 1990 — there were three

divisions and three wild cards until 2002 — wild cards have made the title game 13 times. Counting the Packers and Jets, eight of those have occurred since 2005. Two of those wild cards, the 2005 Steelers and 2007 Giants, won the whole thing.

In '05, '08 and this year, a wild card got to the conference championship match. No Super Bowl has featured a pair of non-division winners. "We have a lot more, our season is bigger than just beating the Falcons and going to the NFC championship game," Packers defensive tackle B.J. Raji said. "We've got bigger goals than that. ... We expect to win no matter where we go."

They go to Chicago, where the Bears beat them 20-17 in Week 3, a horrendous performance in which Green Bay set a team record with 18 penalties. And barely lost.

The Packers won 10-3 at Lambeau Field in the season finale to clinch their wild-card spot. They've beaten Philadelphia and top-seeded Atlanta in road playoff games, and now are a victory at Soldier Field away from becoming the second No. 6 seed to win a conference championship.

Don't expect the Bears (12-5) to treat the Packers (12-6) like some rank outsider standing

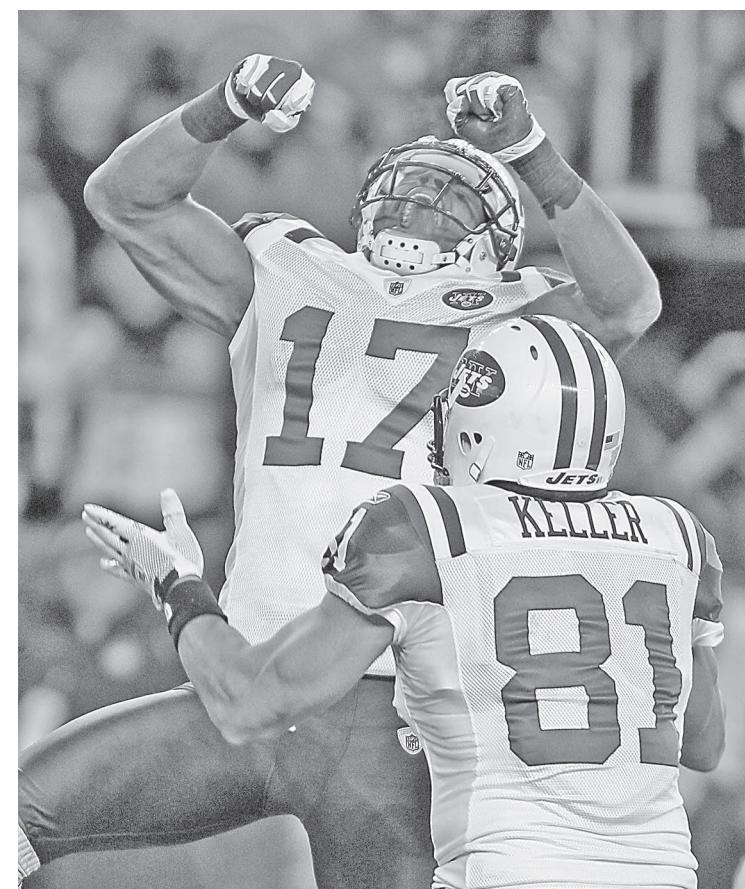
in their way. Not with all that history accompanying the longest rivalry in pro football. Not with the way Green Bay's defense has stymied two of the league's best offenses the last two weeks, or the way quarterback Aaron Rodgers is playing.

Rodgers, though, has not done much against Chicago this season, throwing for 545 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions in the 1-1 split.

Bears coach Lovie Smith expects the usual animosity between the teams who will face off for the 182nd time, but just the second time in the postseason and first since 1941. "You just look at our history and it does have a respectful tone, but it can be nasty also," Smith said. "It's going to be a physical game. We don't like each other."

"Believe me, there is not a whole lot of love for us coming up north. But games are supposed to be played on the field."

Hours later at Pittsburgh (13-4), the Jets also could add to the Super Bowl wild-card total against the only previous sixth seed to make a Super Bowl, the Steelers, who then beat Seattle for the 2005 title. The Jets (13-5) were the fifth seed a year ago and got this far. Indeed, until last year, when the top-seeded Saints



New York Jets wide receiver Braylon Edwards (17) celebrates his touchdown with tight end Dustin Keller (81) during the first half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass., Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011.

and Colts each made the Super Bowl, the No. 1 teams from both conferences hadn't gotten there since the 1993 season.

So road wins aren't that unusual, and the Jets are the best example: They are 4-1 in the playoffs under coach Rex Ryan, all of those games away from the Meadowlands.

"We know what it was like to play in a tough environment," quarterback Mark Sanchez said. "We knew that all of our games were going to be on the road because of our seed. We know how to play on the road; I think we're better on the road, so that's a huge help for us. We have a lot of experience doing it." □

NFL players' union files collusion claim

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Pro Football Writer

WASHINGTON — The NFL players' union filed a collusion claim against the league's owners, another move in the back-and-forth between the sides as they near the expiration of their labor contract.

The union originally had until December — 90 days after the start of the season — to accuse teams of conspiring to restrict players' salaries last offseason, but the league agreed to extend that deadline.

"They have filed that claim. They filed it probably a week ago. There has been no activity at this point."

But it's something that was not unexpected," the league's lead labor negotiator, Jeff Pash, said Tuesday, when owners met in Atlanta. "It's just another piece of litigation that we have to work our way through. So we will do that."

The case is before Stephen Burbank, the same special master who is considering a complaint about the league's TV contracts, which the union says were set up to guarantee the NFL money

even if there were a lockout this year.

Union spokesman George Atallah said Tuesday he could not comment on the collusion case. Pash said no date has been scheduled for a hearing. "It is something they were committed to doing. Their attorneys told us that they didn't see any reason to delay it any further," Pash said. "Our reaction was, 'That's fine. If you feel you have a claim and want to file, go ahead and file.'"

Collusion has been an issue in Major League Baseball, and as recently as September, for example, players and owners in that sport settled allegations of possible collusion against free agents after the 2008 and 2009 seasons. As part of the agreement — with no admission of guilt by the teams — some of baseball's free-agency rules were changed.

In the 1980s, arbitrators found baseball teams acted in concert against free agents following the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons, and the sides agreed to a \$280 million settlement — which took until 2005 to be completely distributed to the players following claims hearings. □



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SPORTS BRIEFS

LeBron plans animated series aimed at kids

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James is going back to cartoons. The NBA's two-time reigning MVP and Spring Hill Productions formally announced plans Tuesday for a 10-episode digital series to be distributed online and slated to launch early this year.

The idea for the show is based somewhat on a recent series of Nike television commercials that showed James, a forward for the Miami Heat, as several different animated characters.

In a statement, James says the show "is a great way to show youths of all ages how to be a good person."

Episodes will be hosted on YouTube. □



Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) looks on in the first quarter during an NBA basketball game with the Portland Trail Blazers Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, in Portland, Ore.

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Singletary to join Vikings as linebackers coach

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Former San Francisco head coach Mike Singletary is joining former teammate Leslie Frazier on his staff in Minnesota.

Singletary's agent, Bob LaMonte, confirmed in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Singletary will be the linebackers coach and assistant head coach under Frazier with the Vikings. Singletary told ESPN 1000 in Chicago during a radio interview earlier in the day he's coming to Minnesota.

In this Dec. 26, 2010, file photo, San Francisco 49ers head coach Mike Singletary looks on from the sidelines during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the St. Louis Rams in St. Louis.

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Chicago sailor takes 1st-place wins in Keys race

KEY WEST, Florida (AP) — American sailor Don Wilson skippered Team Aqua to two first-place wins in the RC 44 class Monday, during the initial day of racing at the five-day Key West sailing regatta off the Florida Keys.

Reigning America's Cup skipper Russell Coutts of New Zealand, in Oracle Racing, is tied for second with Vincenzo Onorato's Mascalzone Latino. Coutts is competing against Onorato, whose Italian syndicate is serving as challenger of record for the 34th America's Cup in 2013.

In Mini Maxi class, 1992 America's Cup champion Bill Koch steered Titan to second- and first-place wins to take a two-point lead ahead of Bella Mente, skippered by Hap Fauth. Jim Richardson has Barking Mad at the top of the Farr 30 leaderboard. □

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Nadal foe has close-up view of the best

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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — To get an assessment of how much better Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer are than most of the competition in men's tennis, look no further than Marcos Daniel.

At the Australian Open on Tuesday, Daniel was on the other side of the net from Nadal, who is attempting to win his fourth major title in a row — the "Rafa Slam." Daniel saw, ever so briefly, why the top-seeded Nadal is among the best ever in the game.

Only briefly, because the Brazilian's left knee gave out, forcing him to retire from the first-round match while already trailing 6-0, 5-0.

"If you see all the top five guys, they improve so much," said Daniel, who has also lost to Federer. "They are one step forward, faster than the others, they hit the ball harder than the others, they can stay very focused for four hours, different than the others. Imagine Federer and Nadal, they are the same."

Nadal will next play American qualifier Ryan Sweeting, who beat Daniel Gimeno 6-4, 6-4, 6-1. Another of those top five that Daniel mentioned was Andy Murray, the 2010 finalist who also advanced when Karol Beck retired with a shoulder injury in the third set of their first-round match. The fifth-seeded Murray, who was leading 6-3, 6-1, 4-2, was the only man to beat Nadal in a Grand Slam tournament last year, the quarterfinals at Melbourne Park.

"You'd rather finish the match off without your opponent being hurt," Murray said, "but it does happen quite a lot. So you just have to move on and get yourself ready for the next round." Fourth-seeded Robin Soderling had to go the distance but was rarely challenged, completing a 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 win over Potito Starace of Italy.

David Nalbandian of Argentina beat former No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt of Australia 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 9-7 in a feature-length replay of their

2002 Wimbledon final won by the Australian.

Going into Tuesday's match, Hewitt led the series 3-2 but had not beaten Nalbandian since a controversial 2005 Australian Open quarterfinal in which the pair bumped into each other purposely on a changeover. The video clips of that altercation featured prominently on television promotions of the night Rod Laver Arena match.

After the 2005 match, won in five sets by Hewitt, Nalbandian said he was "not a gentleman" and "nobody is friends" with the Australian. Hewitt said Nalbandian was "not the cleanest guy."

There appeared to be no such animosity on Tuesday, with both players mostly on their best behavior. They shook hands and nodded at each other at the end of the 4-hour, 48-minute match.

Hewitt's biggest stumbling block was his inability to convert break-point chances: just seven of 30. Nalbandian was six of 12, but only two of eight in the final set.

Nalbandian, who was cramping at the end of the marathon match, saved two match points on his serve before finishing it at 1:10 a.m. local time Wednesday with a perfect lob on his first match point.

"It doesn't matter that we are tired, we keep fighting," Nalbandian said on-court of their rivalry. "I can't talk I am so tired."

Elsewhere, No. 15 Marin Cilic of Croatia beat American qualifier Donald Young 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 to advance, along with No. 7 David Ferrer, No. 10 Mikhail Youzhny, No. 11 Jurgen Melzer and No. 20 John Isner.

Another winner was 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro, who played only three matches last year due to a right wrist injury. He beat Dudi Sela of Israel, 7-6 (13), 6-4, 6-4.

"I don't want to think in the past," del Potro said. "I won a Grand Slam, but I'm working to improve my game. I don't know if I can play like two years ago or not, but I will



Spain's Rafael Nadal, left, shakes hands with Brazil's Marcos Daniel after Daniel withdrew from their first round match with a knee injury at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011.

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try."

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who lost in the final here to Novak Djokovic in 2008, came back from two sets down to beat Philipp Petzschner

of Germany 4-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4. Andreas Seppi of Italy beat Arnaud Clement of France 3-6, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 in another late match.

On the women's side, U.S.

Open champion Kim Clijsters did nothing to dent her growing status as tournament favorite by routing fellow former No. 1 Dinara Safina 6-0, 6-0. □

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Major titles elusive for tennis' top women players

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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Holding the No. 1 ranking is undoubtedly an honor, but it can come with problems for players who're not able to convert it into Grand Slam titles and reach the pinnacle of tennis.

Caroline Wozniacki started the Australian Open as the leading player in women's tennis, on paper, after winning six tournaments last year, though she's never won a major and has reached a Grand Slam final just once, losing the U.S. Open to Serena Williams in 2009.

The 20-year-old Danish player is not alone in that category.

No. 2 Vera Zvonareva of Russia reached her first two Grand Slam finals last year but hasn't yet hoisted a trophy.

Russia's Dinara Safina and Jelena Jankovic of Serbia have been there too, reaching the top ranking in 2009 and 2008 respectively though neither of them have a major title.

Safina, who reached three major finals including the 2009 Australian title match, lost 6-0, 6-0 to U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters on Tuesday night in the first round of the Australian Open, describing it as a major embarrassment.

Clijsters, who lost three Grand Slam finals before finally cracking a major at the U.S. Open in 2005, can empathize with the plight of players who're struggling to turn a top ranking into a



Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark hits a backhand return to Vania King of the U.S. during their second round match at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011.

championship crown.

"She didn't get to No. 1 just by luck, so that game is still there," Clijsters said of Safina. "She needs to win a few matches to build up her confidence."

Wozniacki, 20, has shrugged off the missing notch on her belt, saying she has nothing to prove. She has also noted, though, that the No. 1 ranking has given her a good feeling about the Australian Open. Jankovic, who was in a similar situation to Wozniacki 2 1/2 years ago, didn't think it caused a top-ranked player to be under even greater pressure to win.

"Always the same questions!" Jankovic said Tuesday after her first-round win at Melbourne Park, where she was asked how

Wozniacki's circumstances compared with her experience. "I mean, what kind of pressure?"

Still, she hinted that a Grand Slam title was a prize that could outweigh the more fleeting status of world No. 1 ranking.

"It's a Grand Slam and everybody wants to win it," she said. "I think every player has extra motivation when they're playing a Grand Slam because they want to really win it. Doesn't matter if you're No. 1 or not."

Wozniacki has a grip on top spot as long as she doesn't slump badly in the coming days. She has a comfortable-looking draw until the semifinals, where she could meet fourth-seeded Venus Williams, the seven-time Grand Slam

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title winner who opened with a straight sets win over Argentina's Gisela Dulko.

Only Zvonareva and third-ranked Clijsters can win enough points at Melbourne Park to challenge her for the top ranking, and even then it's a tough run: If Wozniacki reaches the semis, her top ranking is unassailable. If she reaches the fourth round, Clijsters or Zvonareva have to win the tournament to take top spot.

The possibilities are endless in an Australian Open women's field considered more wide open in 2011 than it has been in years, in part because defending champion Serena Williams withdrew with a foot injury. Serena Williams has won 13 Grand Slam singles titles and considers those more

important than the rankings as a gauge of top players.

Just three of the top 10 seeded women in Melbourne have won Grand Slam titles — Williams has seven, Clijsters three and Italy's Francesca Schiavone one. In comparison, four of the top 10 men's seeds have major titles — Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer dominate with 25 between them, and one each to Andy Roddick and Novak Djokovic.

Zvonareva, who had an easy first-round victory Tuesday over Austria's Sybille Bammer, adopted a common refrain among players here who're asked about achieving the top ranking without a Grand Slam title.

"I'm a tennis player, and my job is to play tennis," she said. "So I go out there, I try my best in every single match.

If I win, that's great. If I have some losses, well, I try to take something out of it and try to go back on the court and work even harder."

But what is more important, reaching No. 1 or winning a Grand Slam?

"Either thing is great," she said. "I mean, I wouldn't find a player who would say, 'I don't want to be No. 1 in the world,' or, 'I don't want to win a Grand Slam.' Everyone wants to be No. 1. Everyone wants to win Grand Slams.

"In order to do so, you have to win matches — you have to win a lot of matches. That's what I'm trying to do. That's it." □

Netflix: No more renting DVDs from streaming devices

For months now, the head honchos at Netflix have been calling the video rental giant a "streaming company" that "also offers DVDs." Now Netflix appears to be making good on its new mantra, announcing that it's phasing out the "Add to DVD queue" feature from any and all Netflix streaming devices, including smartphones and game consoles.

Netflix announced the decision on its official blog Monday and sparked an immediate outcry, drawing more than 300 mostly angry comments.

"You're just killing off DVD subscriptions one step at a time," commenter Jason wrote. "First the price hike, Blu-Ray surcharge, and now this. When optical media goes, so do I."

On the company blog, director of product management Jamie Odell explained that removing the "add to DVD queue" option from streaming devices would allow Netflix to "concentrate on offering

you the titles that are available to watch instantly," and that keeping the feature "complicates the instant watching experience and ties up resources that are better used to improve the overall streaming functionality."

Subscribers will still be able to add DVD to their queues from the Netflix website, Odell wrote. He said that's where most users manage their disc queues.

While some devices with Netflix-streaming capabilities, like the iPad and the iPhone, still have the "Add to DVD queue" feature, others such as the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 no longer have the option (or at least not on my consoles). While a few users stuck up for Netflix's decision ("I appreciate less clutter," daiverson commented), most of the feedback was harsh. Many users scoffed at the explanation that ditching the "Add to DVD queue" option would somehow free up manpower for more streaming

services.

"Right. Any how many 'resources' do these transactions tie up? At least an order of magnitude less than actual streaming," groused an unnamed dissenter.

The move comes as Netflix pours more and more resources not to mention hundreds of millions of dollars into its video streaming service.

Back in November, Netflix launched a streaming-only subscription plan in the U.S. for \$8 a month but at the same time, it hiked fees for its DVD-by-mail users by anywhere from \$3 to \$8 a month.

While Netflix has a steadily growing selection of movies available for instant streaming more than 20,000 its streaming catalog is still dwarfed by the 100,000 or so DVDs and Blu-rays in its rental collection. "I'd have no problem with [the decision] if it weren't for the fact that most of your movies and TV shows are only available on DVD," complained The Cathoholic.



"Or they are there for streaming, and then you change it, totally messing up the instant watching queue." Still, other Netflix users said they couldn't care less about adding DVDs to their queues from their phones and game consoles.

"I hate adding things to the queue from my streaming device," wrote Jude, who would prefer to see Netflix concentrate on adding closed captions and audio commentaries to streaming video titles. "I do *not* view

this as a step backwards. It's easier to manage the queue from the Netflix Web site."

It's worth noting that Netflix has reversed course on decisions to phase out features after negative feedback. A few years back, Netflix announced it would nix the ability of subscribers to set up sub-queues for family members and housemates under a single account, but changed its mind about that "profiles" feature after an avalanche of complaints. □



Internap is offering a new public cloud storage service that it built using software from OpenStack, the open-source cloud software project kicked off last year by Rackspace and NASA.

The move is notable because Internap represents the first major deployment using the OpenStack storage software and because the company is a competitor to Rackspace.

Internap's XipCloud elastic storage offering will be available this week to beta users. The company has not announced pricing and expects to be able to open the service to all users in a few months, said Scott Hrastar, senior vice president of technology at

Internap.

Users will be able to log into an online portal to buy storage capacity and network bandwidth, scaling the services up and down as needed. They'll be able to use tools from third-party providers to move content in and out of storage without the need for additional development work, Internap said.

Internap considered other options including writing its own software or using other cloud management frameworks like Cloud.com, Hrastar said. It went with OpenStack because the company had internal development capabilities that made working with

OpenStack easy, he said.

In addition, OpenStack is attractive because users like Internap can build on top of it. "We saw the OpenStack framework as solving a lot of fundamental large-scale system management and deployment issues that have allowed us to put resources into differentiated areas of the solution," said Hrastar.

For instance, Internap developed software optimizations that improve performance and load balancing. "They are a nice layer on top of the open stack framework," he said.

Rackspace and NASA contributed code to OpenStack last year with the aim of spurring innovation around cloud software and making it easier for companies to move projects among different providers. Rackspace wanted to ensure that users of OpenStack software could still differentiate their products, so it's pleased to see that Internap

was able to build on top of it. "That's what we hoped to see when we launched it," said Jonathan Bryce, chairman of the OpenStack project oversight committee and cofounder of the Rackspace Cloud. He said the use of the software by Internap shows the value of the OpenStack software.

"This is not just another deployment but it's from a strong competitor to Rackspace," he said. Internap is the first major deployment outside of Rackspace and NASA, although other companies are also using the software for offerings such as "cloud in a box"-type products that include a rack of servers preinstalled with OpenStack, Bryce said.

Some services companies are working with enterprises or telcos on offerings around OpenStack as well.

There has also been strong interest from financial services companies, he said. They tend to have very large operations

so the deployments take time, he said. OpenStack expects to make more announcements about such large users in the coming months.

In addition to the OpenStack Object Storage software, the group is still at work on a compute software component. The second, more stable release of that software is expected Feb. 3.

OpenStack isn't the only effort aimed at solving the vendor lock-in issue. The Open Virtualization Format, the Cloud Security Alliance and the Distributed Management Task Force are all also working on various issues in support of portability.

Rackspace supports some of those efforts but noted that some may take a long time to produce useable products. "Right now we think one of the best things we can do is get a solid piece of software out there that can be run at different hosting providers and enterprises," Bryce said. □

Internap Offers First Major Storage Service Using OpenStack

Oscar producers to mix old and new at the big show



LOS ANGELES – The Oscars are still over a month away, but producers are already spilling secrets: Co-host James Franco can and will sing. The show will honor Oscar's 83-year history by presenting some awards during mini tributes to classic movies, performances and eras. And there will be at least one element in the show that first appeared on an Oscar telecast 40 years ago.

First-time Oscar producing pair Bruce Cohen and Don Mischer are mixing old and new for the 83rd annual Academy Awards, driven by their love of film, tradition and the power of the big show.

"We both had a lifetime of ideas stored up of what we'd want to do if we were producing the show," Cohen says.

A film and television producer for 20 years, he "fell in love" with the Academy Awards when he first watched them with his grandmothers at age 8. He started practicing his acceptance speech in the mirror that year, and his practice paid off when he won the best picture Oscar for 1999's "American Beauty."

"Right around that year, I started thinking that a next phase with the show is I would love to produce it someday," says Cohen, a slender guy with shoulder-grazing golden curls and an easy smile.

Cohen tapped Mischer, a multiple Emmy winner who has produced and directed Super Bowl halftime shows, Olympics opening

ceremonies and the Kennedy Center Honors to be his partner. Despite such varied experience over his 35-year career, Mischer says putting on the Oscars is "different and unique."

"We have the reputation of the predominant American art form to protect and spread the message to the world," says the gray-haired, bespectacled Mischer. "This will be watched by billions of people when you put it all together, so you do feel that sense of responsibility."

To prepare their show, the producers watched every Oscar telecast from the 1950s to today. They interviewed all the past Oscar producers they could find. Then they let their imaginations rip. The challenge? Honoring the history and tradition of the Academy Awards with a show that's fun to watch, both for the industry crowd in the Kodak Theatre and for film fans around the world.

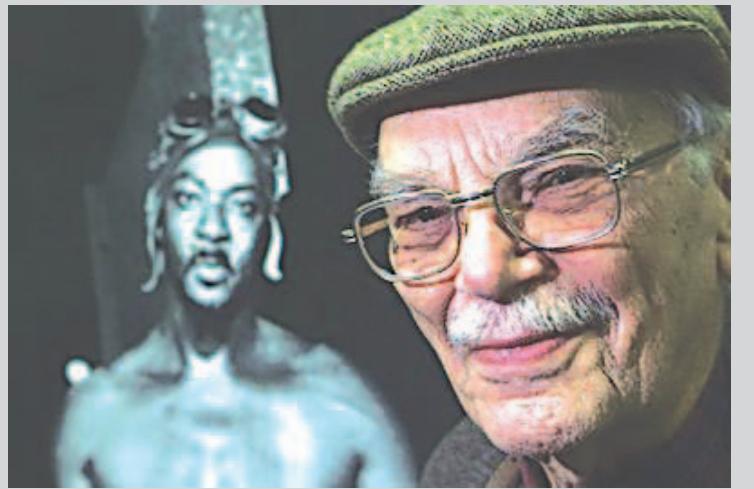
One new thing they came up with was tapping a leading lady and leading man as hosts: Franco and Anne Hathaway.

"That had never really happened before in the history of the Oscars," Cohen says.

The two stars, who were both nominated for Golden Globes and could also be Oscar contenders, are bringing their own ideas to the show, and singing is among them.

Franco "threw down the gauntlet a little bit," Cohen says. "He said, 'I want to sing, I can sing and I've asked (the producers) to let me sing.' □

Photographer Milton Rogovin dies at age 101 in NY



BUFFALO, N.Y. — Milton Rogovin, a social documentary photographer who built a life's work by looking through a lens at people who were invisible to others, died Tuesday at age 101.

Rogovin was in hospice care after a brief illness and died at his home in Buffalo surrounded by family, said his son, Mark.

After being blacklisted in the communist scare of the 1950s, Rogovin dedicated his life to photography. His pictures documented the lives of the poor, the

dispossessed, the working class in particular those living in a six-square-block neighborhood in Buffalo near his optometry practice.

"He referred to these people as the 'forgotten ones,'" his son said. "These were poor and working people who were not ever in the limelight."

Rogovin found "forgotten ones" on New York Indian reservations and in far-flung corners of China, Zimbabwe, France, Scotland and Spain. His first project was a documentary series on Buffalo's black churches. Living on his wife's

schoolteacher salary, he traveled to Appalachia, Chile and Mexico to take portraits of working people always using a vintage Rolleiflex, a bare bulb flash, occasionally a tripod, and black and white film.

Born in New York City in 1909, Rogovin moved to Buffalo in 1938 to practice as an optometrist. He married Anne Setters in 1942, the same year he bought his first camera and was drafted into the U.S. Army. After returning from the war, he organized an optometrists' union in Buffalo and served as a librarian in the city's Communist Party. In 1957, he was called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

"Rogovin, named as top red in Buffalo, balks at nearly all queries," read the headline the next day in the hometown Buffalo Evening News. More in Entertainment The New Royals: Insight on Prince William & Kate Middleton's wedding Full coverage of the royal

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With his optometry business sliced in half because of negative publicity, Rogovin turned to photography although he never studied it formally.

"The rich have their photographers," Rogovin often said. "I photograph the forgotten ones."

In 1972, Rogovin turned his lens closer to home the Lower West Side of Buffalo, one of the most impoverished neighborhoods in the state, a place where Italian-Americans had been replaced after World War II by Puerto Ricans, blacks, American Indians and poor whites.

Although he was first suspected of being a police officer or FBI agent, Rogovin eventually gained their trust, shooting 1,000 portraits over three years and always making sure to get a copy back to the subject.

In 1984, he returned to the neighborhood, tracked down

his original subjects and rephotographed as many as he could. He did the same in 1992 when he was 83 and recovering from heart surgery and prostate cancer. He remained working until 2002. "Never ever once did he start a project thinking, 'Ahh, this is historic,'" said his son, a mural painter. "It was all because he saw a face of a Native American woman with all her lines and age and white hair as a beautiful face, a face he wanted everybody to witness."

"I think the thing that he would say is, 'I want people to use my photographs.' He wants his work to be used in a million educational ways. His desire was that these works would be learned from and enjoyed in the communities that he photographed in. It's beginning to happen."

Rogovin's wife, who taught mentally disabled children, died in 2003 at 84. Along with her husband, she protested the trial and sentencing of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. □

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Don't Rush to Pay Off Your Mortgage

Many people aspire to pay off their home as quickly as possible. These folks believe that once they don't have a mortgage, they've hit a financial milestone. However, this is one milestone I believe people shouldn't rush to reach.

The first reason that people should not pay off their mortgage is that it doesn't make financial sense. A few weeks ago, a man called in to my radio show asking if he should pay off his mortgage. He owes \$50,000 on his house, so he was considering using half of his \$100,000 mutual fund investments to wipe out the mortgage.

Rather than pay off his mortgage, I recommended he keep his money invested. He has a 5 percent interest rate on his mortgage, and the interest he pays can be deducted when he does his tax return. Depending on his tax bracket, his interest cost leaves him with a net mortgage cost of roughly 3.6 percent (or \$1,800) per year after taxes. If he keeps the \$50,000 invested in the stock market rather than paying off his mortgage and earns the stock market's long-term average return of 10 percent or more, he would have an annual gain of \$5,000. Subtract the \$1,800 mortgage interest cost from \$5,000 earned by staying invested, and he could end up \$3,200 ahead. If he continues to invest \$3,200 per year over the next five years, he can accumulate \$16,000 or more, money he wouldn't have by paying off his mortgage.

The other reason people shouldn't pay off their mortgage is more emotional in nature. Many people believe they'll attain peace of mind when they pay off their mortgage. They might share the Depression-era belief that the government can't take their house away if they

pay off their loan. I believe strongly that any peace of mind is outweighed by the potential benefits of keeping the money and investing it. If a person uses investment money to pay off that loan, it may leave that person with much less money when it's really needed in future years. That could be a costly mistake because it may not offer the person the luxury of time to replenish his nest egg.

With mortgage rates on the rise recently, this is not the time to be in a hurry to pay off a mortgage. I'm hopeful that many homeowners were able

to benefit in recent years by refinancing their loans as 30-year fixed mortgage rates fell, including a period of time in 2010 when rates were below 4.5 percent.

Their interest costs should be very low going forward. I believe mortgage debt is okay to have, because equity in the home is being built as the loan is paid down. For most people, their home will always be a part of their net worth, even if they don't pay off the mortgage. And low-interest mortgages allow them to expand their wealth by investing money they have



because they didn't pay off their mortgage.

So, I encourage people to keep their mortgage and instead, enjoy the fruits of investing their extra money. When considering net worth,

whether it's increased home equity or a larger investment account, it's still net worth. With investments, they have a chance to grow. With home equity, the interest savings are the only upside. □

TD Ameritrade 1Q net income grows 6 percent



OMAHA, Neb. – Online brokerage TD Ameritrade said Tuesday that growth in asset-based revenue helped it post a 6 percent increase in first-quarter profit, but the company benefited from a lower tax rate and trading activity declined.

Ameritrade generates revenue from commissions it charges investors on trades and from asset-based fees and interest it gets on the assets it holds. About 51 percent of its revenue in the first quarter came from asset-based fees and interest.

"We continue to deliver strong organic growth and have proven the resilience of our strategy in a difficult, but slowly improving macroeconomic environment," CEO Fred Tomczyk said.

Credit Suisse analyst Howard Chen said in a research note that Ameritrade appears to be off to a strong start in 2011, but he thinks the company's results are already reflected in the stock price. Chen said he's advising investors to consider cashing in on the recent run-up in Ameritrade's stock price although he maintained a "neutral" rating on the stock.

FBR Capital Markets analyst Matt Snowling said in a research note that Ameritrade appears healthy with a strong balance sheet, so he encouraged investors to consider buying the stock because he expects the stock price to rise.

Its shares slipped initially before rebounding to trade 22 cents higher at \$20.87 in afternoon dealings. Ameritrade's stock has been climbing steadily since Nov. 30 when it sold for \$16.73.

The Omaha-based company reported net income of \$145 million, or 25 cents per share, in the three months ended Dec. 31, up from last year's \$136 million, or 23 cents per share. Officials said a lower-than-expected tax rate accounted for about 1 cent of its quarterly profit.

Revenue grew 5 percent to \$656 million as it attracted more investor assets. That's up from \$625 million last year.

The average trades per day Ameritrade handled declined 2 percent from last year to 372,000. But that figure is 17 percent higher than the 318,000 trades per day Ameritrade handled in the fourth quarter of its fiscal 2010.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected quarterly earnings per share of 25 cents on revenue of \$647.8 million. The current record-low interest rates limit how much TD Ameritrade earns on its clients' deposit accounts and other investment products, but company officials said the rate gap between short-term and long-term bonds, known as the yield curve, improved during the quarter and rates appear to be stabilizing. □

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New Devices Help Seniors Stay Longer in Their Own Homes



Seniors who want to remain in their homes despite illness and infirmity can get a high-tech assist these days.

So can their children who might worry about an elderly parent living alone, often far from family members.

The 1980s-era medical alert pendants made famous by their television advertising ("I've fallen, and I can't get up!") are now among a wide array of devices that can help keep an eye on aging parents and get them help when they need it.

Available technologies include:

Sensors in the home to track an older person's movement, from the front door to the medicine cabinet to the refrigerator to the stove. The sensors are linked with computers that can issue alerts when people deviate from their routine.

Global positioning system devices, using the GPS technology that's become so common in cars, that can help locate someone with dementia who's wandered from home. Computerized pillboxes that track whether medication is being taken on time.

"The notion behind these technologies is that people stay in their homes with some peace of mind on both their and their families' part," said Elinor Ginzler, AARP's senior vice president for livable communities. "In many cases, sensors are actually placed in various places throughout the older person's home. They

are continuously tracking data. More or less all of them are looking for changes in that typical pattern and can note that change and alert responsible parties."

Ginzler gave the example of a "sensor checking to see if the front door is opened to pick up the newspaper every day by a certain time, because that's what Dad does." If he usually gets the paper by 7:30 a.m. and it's now 8:30 a.m., an alert might be sent to his son or daughter letting them know about the deviation in his schedule. They then have the option of calling to check in on him.

It might seem that older parents would reject the loss of privacy that can come with so much electronic eavesdropping, but that's an incorrect assumption, Ginzler said. Nearly nine in 10 seniors in an AARP survey said they would be willing to give up some privacy if it allowed them to remain in their own homes longer. When asked about specific home safety technologies, seniors often said they would be willing to use them even if they weren't previously aware of the devices. "Resoundingly, people said, 'Yeah, I'll learn new things,'" Ginzler said. "There's a resounding motivation for learning new things when your independence is on the line." Though such devices aren't in wide use yet, a significant number of people seem to be taking advantage of them.

Harry Wang, director of health

and mobile product research for Parks Associates, a Dallas-based market research firm that tracks digital technology trends, said that with "the senior safety tracking and monitoring that helps seniors remain in the home longer, we've seen a little bit better traction over the last several years."

About one in 10 caregivers of senior citizens use tracking sensors that can remotely detect a potential safety hazard in the home, according to an AARP survey of caregivers. About 16 percent of caregivers said they had used some type of emergency response system.

Parks Associates has projected that by 2012 more than 3.4 million senior citizens in the United States will be using networked sensor applications to monitor their movements and improve their health. "There are more and more products out there, more and more technologies available," Wang said. "It's an emerging field. I don't think we're done

with all those brilliant ideas yet."

However, Wang and Ginzler cited three things that must happen for such technologies to succeed:

The design must be simple, elegant and enticing so that seniors can easily learn how to use the device and perhaps even enjoy it. "You have to make sure the solutions are well-designed, in the sense that it's exciting," Wang said. "It's not reminding seniors that they are old and fragile in the home, but reminding them that they are still young and able to enjoy life and remain in the home."

The devices must come down in price.

"The No. 1 barrier is the cost of the system," Wang said. "They must be affordable to seniors."

Companies and families must market the devices properly. "A lot of this has to do with the way the technology is presented, and the family conversation about this," Ginzler said. □

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“El Chapo” incrementa su poder 10 años después de su fuga

MEXICO (AP) - Diez años después de escaparse de una cárcel federal de alta seguridad en un camión de lavandería, Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán pasó de ser un mafioso del montón a lo que podría considerarse el traficante de narcóticos más poderoso del mundo.

Este barón de las drogas de aspecto juvenil y cuya fuga de película ocurrió el 19 de enero de 2001, incrementó desde entonces sus zonas de control en México arrebatiando a sangre y fuego territorios a sus rivales.

La fortuna de “El Chapo” alcanza más de 1.000 millones de dólares, según la revista Forbe’s, que lo ha clasificado entre las “Personas más poderosas del mundo”, arriba de los presidentes de Francia y Venezuela. Los tentáculos de la organización de Joaquín Guzmán se extienden de Argentina a Australia.

“El Chapo” ha aumentado su poder aun cuando es un fugitivo por quien se ofrece una recompensa de siete millones de dólares y a pesar de que lo persiguen miles de agentes de Estados Unidos y otros países asignados a su captura y a la destrucción del cartel de Sinaloa que encabeza.

Chile: es posible integración energética con Perú

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (AP) - El canciller Alfredo Moreno dijo el martes en víspera de la visita del presidente de Perú, Alan García, de que se puede explorar la integración energética entre ambos países. “Creemos que en todas las cosas que sean de beneficio mutuo tenemos que avanzar y naturalmente en ese campo hay un beneficio mutuo”, señaló.

Moreno declaró a periodistas que no obstante el litigio fronterizo marítimo que Perú llevó a consideración de la Corte Internacional de Justicia, es posible buscar ese tipo de integración. Chile tiene necesidad de gas, que debe importar desde Argentina o procesa en dos plantas de licuefacción de gas natural licuado comprado en otros países. El producto que se extrae en el extremo sur sólo cubre las necesidades de consumo de esa región.

Durante la visita de García se firmarán acuerdos de integración fronteriza y de combate al narcotráfico. El presidente Sebastián Piñera ha estrechado los vínculos con su colega peruano, quien se distanció de la ex mandataria socialista Michelle Bachelet por el diferendo fronterizo. □

“Tenemos personal asignado específicamente al Chapo Guzmán. Esa es la importancia que le damos”, dijo el principal funcionario de la DEA (agencia estadounidense de lucha contra el narcotráfico) en México, quien declinó ser identificado por razones de seguridad.

“Sumados los agentes de Estados Unidos y otros países, incluidos de Centro y Sudamérica, serían miles los elementos concentrados exclusivamente en la operación contra el cartel narcotraficante de Sinaloa”.

Guzmán, de 53 años, ha logrado eludir a las autoridades con el apoyo de lugareños en el estado de Sinaloa, noroeste de México, donde supuestamente reside y ayuda a los pobres con su riqueza, al tiempo que da empleo a numerosas personas con su negocio de las drogas.

Las autoridades conjeturan que El Chapo se esconde en la sierra del “Triángulo Dorado” que se extiende por los estados de Sinaloa y Durango, una zona remota, donde brillan por su ausencia las autoridades, en el que las amas de casa tienen amapolas como plantas ornamentales y la policía tarda horas para llegar a los lugares en los que ocurren tiroteos.



El jefe narcotraficante mexicano Joaquín Guzmán Loera, alias ‘El Chapo Guzmán’.

De acuerdo con un mensaje diplomático estadounidense que difundió WikiLeaks, el secretario (ministro) de Defensa de México, general Guillermo Galván Galván, afirmó que Guzmán no tiene una residencia fija y se oculta en 10 o 15 lugares para evitar

La fuga de Guzmán de una prisión en Guadalajara asentó un golpe importante a la imagen del entonces presidente Vicente Fox y suscitó rumores persistentes de que el cartel de Sinaloa recibe protección del Partido Acción Nacional (PAN), al que pertenece el ex mandatario. Esos rumores alcanzaron también al sucesor de Fox, el presidente Felipe Calderón, del PAN.

“El Chapo” Guzmán nació en la pobreza en la pequeña localidad de Badiraguato, del estado de Sinaloa. Se inició en la década de 1980 en el tráfico de narcóticos con el cartel de Guadalajara, que encabezaba entonces Miguel Angel Félix Gallardo. Hasta antes de su fuga, El Chapo Guzmán cumplía una sentencia de 20 años de prisión, de la que había purgado ocho años. □

Colombia espera nueva cooperación antidrogas con EEUU

BOGOTÁ (AP) - Colombia espera encontrar nuevas formas de cooperación antidrogas con Estados Unidos para compensar reducciones en los desembolsos que recibe cada año, dijo el ministro de Defensa Rodrigo Rivera, quien viajará en febrero a Washington para tratar tales asuntos.

Rivera y el director de la Oficina de Política Nacional de Control de Drogas de Estados Unidos, Gil Kerlikowske, se reunieron el martes para tratar la cooperación binacional antidrogas y elogiaron una iniciativa del presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez de considerar el derribo de naves en su territorio sospechosas de cargar narcóticos.

“La necesidad de seguir luchando contra este enemigo poderoso, que es el tráfico de drogas... nos desafía a encontrar nuevas formas de cooperación, nuevos campos de acción conjunta, para garantizar que esta sea una lucha exitosa”, dijo Rivera en

una conferencia de prensa conjunta con el estadounidense.

No detallaron cuál será el presupuesto del 2012 para el denominado Plan Colombia o el paquete de ayuda de Washington a Bogotá para la lucha contra drogas y subversión.

Desde el inicio del plan en el 2000 y hasta ahora, Colombia ha recibido de Estados Unidos unos 7.000 millones de dólares, mientras en los últimos años la cifra anual de ayuda se ha venido reduciendo.

Para este año, los desembolsos se calculan en unos 465 millones de dólares, unos 50 millones de dólares menos que los dineros del 2010, según funcionarios diplomáticos colombianos.

Kerlikowske, quien llegó la noche del lunes a Bogotá para iniciar en la jornada una visita hasta el jueves cuando parte rumbo a Panamá, solo dijo que “todos reconocemos la situación económica tan difícil que existe en el mundo. En los Estados Unidos también”. □



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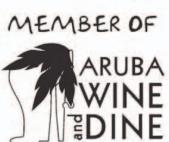
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